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Nuns studying ESL

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

Niagara College's English as a Second Language (ESL) program has its first students from the Philippines.

Last December, Theresa Serentas, 25, and Mary Jane Roquero, 24, arrived in Canada.

After taking theology for the first semester at the Marinst Asian Centre, they were assigned to come to Canada as exchange students by their congregation.

"We came here not only to study but also to do some apostolic work at the church," says Roquero.

The two are Catholic nuns. They said they cannot make their own decisions, but must consult with their superior about those decisions.

They say they were originally going to live in Toronto, but transferred to St. Catharines where the other community, St. Paul of The Cross Community, is located. They commute from St. Catharines by bus every morning.

"We wake up at 5 a.m. to pray, eat breakfast and go to school," says Serentas, adding they have to leave their house at 7 a.m. to catch the bus.

"It's absolutely not good and it's extremely cold."

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Theresa Sarentas, 25, and Mary Jane Roquero, 24, have joined Niagara College's English as a Second Language program as first students from the Philippines.
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Patterson 'takes stock' at advisory forum

College president reviews strategic plan for Niagara

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

Dan Patterson is a visionary.

Patterson, Niagara College's president, hosted Tuesday's President's Advisory Forum at the Welland Campus. The meeting, intended for both students and faculty, was attended by about 25 staff members.

Patterson, referring to the lack of students, said he was "worried that people coming back from the break wouldn't know what's going on."

"We'll have to find other ways to keep in touch with the students."

According to Patterson, the "open session" was supposed to be a "wonderful vehicle for students to see what's going on" and to "take stock."

He outlined the college's "vision" and "strategic direction" for the new year.

Patterson highlighted the new Glendale Campus, the Brock University partnership, and the development of new areas such as police training as positive projects in the works.

'It is very important we have these opportunities to talk,' — Patterson

By looking closely at trends in the region, possible new areas of training can be initiated at Niagara College, he said.

Patterson stressed the importance of keeping a "balance" between accessibility to college programs for a broad range of students while still maintaining a high quality of education.

"It's a constant struggle that we need to recognize and work on."

On the issue of funding, Patterson said the 1998-1999 budget is being worked on now. He said it will allow for increases in bursaries and financial assistance by setting aside "half-a-million dollars to help the affordability problem" faced by students.

"We need to build that war chest up to make more funds available to students."

Asked what he would change if he were a student, Patterson said, "I would get more involved in forums like this and organize students to talk about quality of education."

He said if he were a student, he would be wondering, "What can the college do to assist me in getting a job?"

Patterson said he was "very pleased" with the meeting.

"It's very important we have these opportunities to talk."

Niagara College President Dan Patterson talked to faculty at Tuesday's President's Advisory Forum at the Welland Campus.
Photo by Dave Barnhardt

Teaching kids to cope

By MICHELLE ADEY
Staff Writer

Don't forget those who can't remember.

On Jan. 31 the Family Support Staff at the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region will be offering a program entitled Treasured Memories. It's a special program for children and teenagers who live with or visit a loved one with memory loss.

Marge Dempsey, director of family support in St. Catharines, says the program helps children understand and spend time with their grandparents.

"It is a day with a series of presentations to help understand the disease and talk about their feelings."

The program is free to the public and will be held at the Niagara Regional Headquarters at 2201 St. David's Rd., Thorold, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

During the two hours there will be free pizza provided. For children ages four to six there will be stories and crafts, ages seven to 12 will enjoy video games, memory and sensory games and ages 13 to 18 will have video and interactive discussion. A parents' group will deal with issues, questions and answers. A francophone counsellor will be available.

For more information, or to register, call Cynthia at (905) 687-3914.

Nuns find joy, 'inner peace'

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Roquero says she's been "struggling" with the weather.

"We're concerned about ourselves because we just arrived here, but I'm trying my best."

Roquero says she likes Niagara College because of the professors and the people in the college's International Education Department.

The two say they like living in St. Catharines.

"We always have visitors over," says Serentas, adding whenever she hears problems from these "friendly" people, she feels she's a person whom people can trust.

Roquero says she enjoys the "very quiet" place where she lives with Serentas and two other people.

After finishing the ESL program, the two will take the Early Childhood Education program at Niagara.

"We (the congregation) are planning to build a day-care centre in St. Catharines, so it's good preparation for us," says Serentas.

The two say there are 26 countries representing the congregation, to which the two belong.

"There are none in Canada, yet," says Roquero, explaining this is the reason they were assigned to come here to build the centre.

"Our lives are different," says Roquero, "but I'm happy about my life."

Serentas says she's "very happy" because she's found "inner peace," joy and experience, which she couldn't have before.

Serentas and Roquero say they would like to learn more about Canadian culture, history and the Canadian people while in this "multicultural" country.

SAC raises sexual assault awareness

Roxane Learn sets up week of serious fun

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

A Sexual Assault Awareness Week will be held soon at Niagara College and one Student Administrative Council (SAC) member is starting early to make it informative and eventful.

Roxane Learn, 23, of Welland, SAC vice-president of internal affairs, is well into preparations for the Feb. 16 to 20 event.

Learn said she began planning in November because sexual issues affecting one's self is a cause for which she fights. "Last year's event was put together quickly, and this year I am making sure I am well prepared."

An Information Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Welland campus's Learning Resource Centre on Feb. 16. Several community organizations, such as birth control and crisis centres, will answer any questions students have on any issues concerning sexual assault.

On Tuesday, a "Concern Tree" will be dedicated at the same location. Students can tie a ribbon on the tree to show support in combating sexual assault. The tree will be put up for that day, and then kept somewhere in the college as a reminder of student unity. Students and faculty are asked to gather at 11:30 a.m. for a student community rally and awareness project.

"This is our chance to prove to the community that students can be passionate about a certain cause," said Learn, who has invited media to cover the event.

'There will be many surprises during the week,' — Learn

Sex Jeopardy will be held on Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at After Hours. Three participants will be drawn from the audience and asked questions relating to sexual assault. Prizes will be given to the winner.

On Wednesday, an event called "Blow Job" will be held at 12:30 p.m. at After Hours. "There will be many surprises during the week," said Learn. She refused to reveal further details.

Another secretive event will be the Week Long Awareness Whistle. The only information released is that students will be asked to be aware of their outdoor surroundings.

At After Hours, throughout the week, there will be questionnaire surveys about sexual assault issues. Completed surveys can be dropped off in the SAC front hall room. Prizes will be awarded on Friday for survey participants. How well you did determines the prize you'll receive.

Names of students, with a perfect score, will be drawn for first prize. Students with one or two questions incorrect will have their names drawn for second and third prizes. All surveys must be submitted by Thursday to be eligible for a prize.

During the week, many prizes will be handed out and samples, such as condoms, will be given away.

"My goal is to have a high attendance of students and to attract a different crowd. I hope students will take the week seriously. I don't want it to be a joke week," said Learn.

SAC
NIAGARA COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL

She said last year's event was focused on knowledge. This year, she wants to emphasize helping people be themselves, building self esteem by setting personal limits and being an individual.

"I've put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into this event and I really want it to go off with a bang. I want people to remember this sexual assault awareness week."

Volunteers are needed to assist with the events. Anyone interested can sign up in the SAC office.

Rising to the occasion

Niagara Knight Mike George goes up for the shot as Sault College players Russ Crott, left, and Chris Burk try to stop him. Niagara's Steve Boyle, far right, looks on in a game which saw the Knights come out on top 94-62. Please see the special supplement section for more sports coverage.

Front page photo by Mark Riehl

Dispatchers learn essential skills at Niagara

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

It was an open house for people who might make the call that saves your house from burning down.

The students and contributors to the Public Safety Communications program at Niagara College met in the Tecumseh lounge for an open house on Jan. 14.

The group met to provide an overview of the program and discuss how well it had succeeded in meeting the course goals. Later, they met in Hennepin Hall for a demonstration of the students' ability to use the technical equipment on which they they had practiced.

Lissa Bondio, 30, a student of the program, said, "The course provides a realistic overview of the skills we will need in the field."

The one-year program, introduced this year, includes courses on emergency planning, human behavior, law and legal regulations, call processing and radio communications.

Eric Perry, 46, is a former RCMP member and an emergency services consultant with Kwantlen University College in Surrey, B.C. "Graduates of the program learn the skills necessary to work as call takers and dispatchers for fire, police, emergency medical and security services. Their skills are marketable virtually anywhere in North America," he said.

Perry said the program adopted at Niagara College is based on one that has been running since 1990 at Kwantlen. He said, "(It) has an 85 per cent employment rate for graduates of the program."

Students presented their views on the placements they had gone on in December. All of the students worked with police, fire, medical and security organizations, learning the skills and equipment they would need in the field.

Cathy Morasiewicz, another student, said the placement was "very useful" in showing her the urgency of her chosen profession.

"911 calls can get very overwhelming. You really do get critical calls coming in," she said.

Many students described how their experience in working with equipment at the college prepared them for using other high-tech equipment. The Automatic Vehicle Location computer and the telemap dispatch system used by fire departments are some of the many pieces of equipment used by the students.

Gary Cole, who worked with Toronto Ambulance on his placement, said, "Anybody could pass the technical part of the course, but the students who stuck it out did the work and (achieved) personal growth, got the most out of the program."

From left are student Lisa Bondio, John Rankin, Andy Priede and student Laura Monaghan. Rankin and Priede represented Metropol Security at the Public Safety Communications program open house in the Tecumseh building on the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 14.

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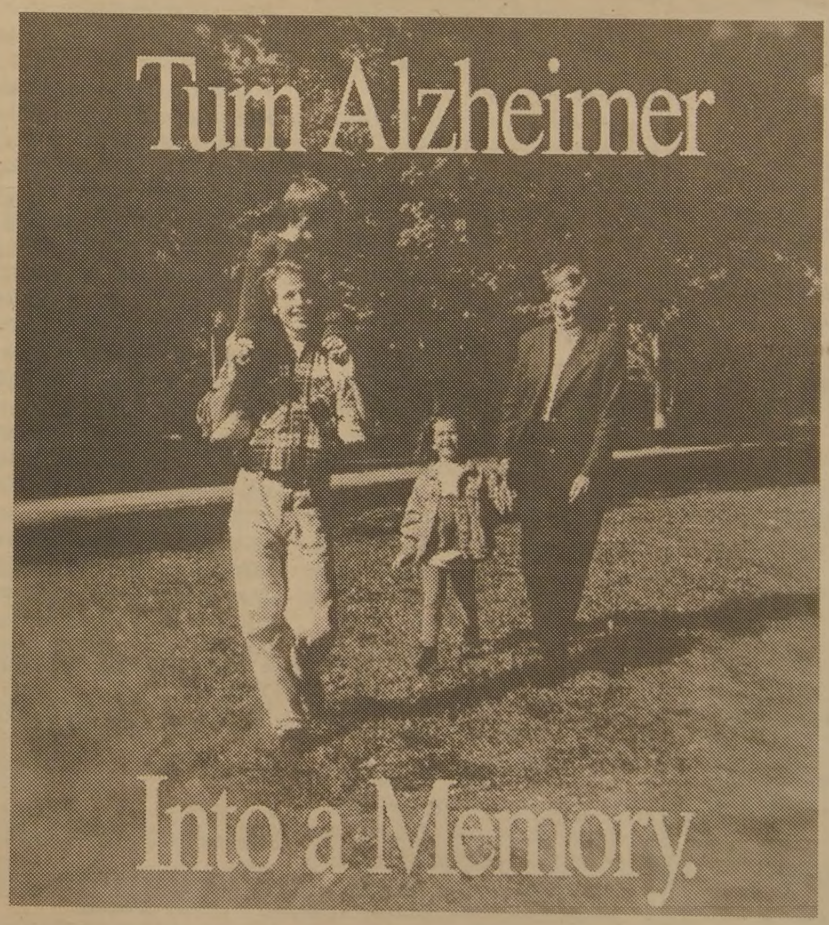

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'Poor students' need not apply

Up, up and away. How high can tuition hikes go?

Not so long ago, only "rich, white males" had the "right" to be formally educated. Today, we feel, formal education, including post-secondary levels, is a right, not a privilege. With rising tuition costs and funding cuts, are we returning to the days of "rich, white males only?"

Students are fed up with having financial debts of up to $100,000 by the time they're finished "higher learning."

By September 1998, college and university tuition may go up another 20 per cent. The Ontario government has given post-secondary institutions fettered autonomy over tuition fees.

Escalating tuition virtually closes the admission door to college and university for lower income students.

Students will rally at St. Catharines' Brock University and all other universities across Ontario for a "national day of action" Jan. 28 at 11 a.m.

If the elementary and high school teachers of this province can stand up, fight and win against the government, we, the students, can oppose these tuition hikes.

Brenda Beaven

Canadians closer than ever

The El Nino phenomenon has been blamed for the ice storm of 1998.

If in fact El Nino is responsible, it would be hard to hate this weather because it has brought the best out in Canadians.

More than three million people have been affected across the country.

Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were hit the hardest. Fallen hydro towers have brought devastation to many lives. Many people have died and there are billions of dollars in damages.

In the midst of all the chaos, Canadians are more than happy to help out as much as they can. Donations and volunteers have poured in.

Those who have been hit by this natural disaster can somewhat relax knowing that their fellow Canadians will take care of them.

It's a shame that only through crisis, we learn to appreciate the efforts of others.

Once this storm has come to an end, we hope Quebecers will realize how great it is to be Canadian and find enough pride within to call themselves Canadians forever.

El Nino has left a path of broken hearts and broken dreams, destroying homes, families and lives.

Yet, it has brought Canadians closer than we could ever expect.

Jennifer Walker

A show of solidarity

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

Bad weather and Canadian politics may be an interesting mix.

An ice-storm unparalleled in 35 years laid waste to the infrastructure of eastern Canada last week. Millions of people, particularly in eastern Ontario and southern Quebec, suffered without power or heat, often cut off from their neighbors by the harsh weather. More than 15 people died as a result of the climatic catastrophe.

Within 48 hours, more than 11,000 soldiers from across the country arrived to assist rural and urban communities in the disaster area. They cleared debris-strewn roads, contacted isolated homes to check on people and prevented a breakdown of law and order.

In addition to the military presence, communities from throughout the country sent donations of cash, food and equipment.

What will be most interesting to political buffs in the next few weeks will be the reaction of the Quebecers to the immediate and overflowing help they have received from their fellow Canadians. While their separatist-leaning political leaders may downplay the aid given by Canadians outside Quebec, it should be fairly obvious to Quebecers what this country has to offer.

When I was in Winnipeg during the so-called flood of the century, I noted the generosity of Quebecers who donated whatever they could to beleaguered Manitobans.

The practical display of sympathy and solidarity with our plight made me realize there might be a more underlying national solidarity there. They were helping their fellow Canadians, and I wondered how much of their motivation was based on that instead of abstract altruism.

Quebecers will remember the help given to them in their time of need, and rightly so.

What remains to be seen is whether that gratitude will translate into a greater interest on the part of ordinary Quebecers in keeping the confederation together, and less on planning how to achieve greater political independence.

Students sending aid

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

Help is on the way for ice storm victims.

Donations for the victims in Ontario and Quebec were collected by students in Niagara College's Law and Security Administration (LASA) program.

Items were accepted on Thursday, Jan. 22, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., in room S209, or in front of the Welland campus's Learning Resource Centre.

Students, faculty and staff donated canned food, toiletries, diapers, batteries and blankets. Cash donations will be forwarded to the Red Cross.

Jacqueline Barisan, 29, and her mother, Estelle Friolet, students in the LASA program, organized the event.

"This is LASA's challenge to other programs and the community to get involved," said Barisan.

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From The Hip

Mixed reviews for smoking bylaw

By MICHELLE ADEY
Staff Writer

Smokers beware— 1998 may be the year of the smoking revolution.

Jan. 19 marked the beginning of the national Non-Smoking Week campaign, which ends today.

The week coincides with the Niagara Region's announcement of its new bylaw banning smoking in public places.

The Public Health Department has been busy delivering notices of the bylaw, which will be enforced at indoor sports and recreational facilities, in shopping malls, on public transit, in commons areas of apartment and office buildings, in taxi cabs and in funeral homes. These must be 100 per cent smoke free.

Jan. 21 was marked as Weedless Wednesday. Smokers are encouraged to become non-smokers for the day or to make a commitment to stop smoking in the future.

Although the week is a national event, two Niagara College students who smoke didn't know about the week when asked their reaction to the campaign and new bylaw.

Shannon Kratz, 20, of Welland, a first-year Career and College Opportunities (CCO) program student, said, "It's a crock of shit. There are too many regulations against smoking, and what happened to right of choice?"

Although the legal smoking age is 19, Jerrod McNevin, 18, of Welland, a first-year CCO program student, said smoking should be allowed in designated areas.

"If the smoke is outside it goes into the air anyways and there should be designated social areas to smoke in."

Kratz and McNevin are among a huge number of people in the Niagara Region upset over the new bylaw. Non-smokers are praising the decision, however.

"The decision is good for non-smokers," said Megan Chumienski, 19, of Grimsby, a first-year College Vocational program student. "There still should be designated areas for smokers though."

Melissa Shepherd, 18, of Beamsville, a first-year College Vocational program student, said she is a bingo player and is happy about the decision.

"I go to play bingo and I sit in the smoke-free section but I still come home smelling like smoke."

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No glamor in drinking

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

Hammered. Plastered. Floored. Wasted. Bombed. Loaded. Smashed. Drunk.

No matter what you call it, it's still drinking. Teen drinking has become one of society's most talked-about issues. Health ads, billboard warnings and television commercials have been focusing on teenage alcohol abuse.

Teenage drinking has somehow evolved into a glamorous and cool thing to do. How can throwing up, waking up with a hangover and falling over oneself be glamorous?

There is a new television commercial being broadcast about the unglamorous side of drinking. The commercial features a male teen who is trying to dance, but having difficulties because he is so intoxicated. The next scene is of two girls in a bathroom. One of the girls is throwing up and the other girl is holding the sick girl's hair and rubbing her back.

Another female teen is lifting up her shirt and pulling her skirt down, something which she may not normally do if sober. The next scene features older men arguing, with a display of empty alcohol bottles scattered around them.

And finally, the last scene involves two younger male teens fighting and smashing bottles against a wall.

I think this commercial sends a realistic message to teens about drinking. The two girls in the bathroom scene don't look too glamorous praying to the porcelain god.

I'm not saying that I never drank when I was younger, but, now that I look back, I wasn't as cool as I thought I was.

Not only is teenage drinking illegal, it is also a rapidly growing fad. Teenage drinking has mainly been seen as a rebellion against authority.

Once teens reach the age of 19, getting drunk may lose some of the glamor because they are not really rebelling against anyone. Getting caught by parents isn't really a big threat anymore because teens are of legal age to drink.

There are many different reasons why teens go out to purposefully get drunk and we need to find out why. The television commercial is extremely blunt and honest and it portrays the downside of getting drunk.

The best thing about the commercial is it was written by teens. At least some of them realize the negative effects of teenage drinking.

Kudos to the teens who wrote the commercial and kudos to them for knowing that teenage drinking isn't glamorous.

Au revoir, bonne chance, Quebec

For better or worse?

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

What is a country? According to the Canadian Oxford dictionary, it is "a territory of a nation; state."

Does this really explain Canada? Ten provinces and two territories — or should I say nine provinces and two territories? The way things are going right now, who knows about Quebec?

What would life in Canada be like without Quebec? Better — or worse?

In my opinion, it would be better, by far. Sure a country with a border separating it doesn't appeal to many people, but would Quebec survive with another country surrounding both of its borders?

The real question is, should Quebec leave with what land and currency that it entered the country or with what it has now?

Many people agree Quebec can keep the land.

Quebec wants to share Canada's currency, but should we allow them to use it?

In my opinion — a definite no. If Quebec is separating and becoming its own country they're on their own.

If they are so interested in leaving, let's allow them to leave, but with nothing more than the land and their part of the federal debt.

The currency belongs to us!

As a result of the recent ice storms in Quebec, the nine other provinces and two territories have tried to help the people of Quebec by sending them food, diapers, generators and other equipment without any hesitation.

On occasion, we help them and they help us. Sadly, Quebec doesn't appreciate our efforts to help them. We know that we take their help into consideration. Why can't they?

Men's fashion no joke

By ANDREW HALL
Staff Writer

The fashion train has gone by and, apparently, men missed it.

At what point did men stop being fashionable? We have always had the ability to look good. The problem lies in fear. Men fear that being too fashionable might just be too feminine.

Men seem to think the gruff, sporty, flannel-to-denim style is the only way for them. This is not so. There are fashions available that break the mould.

The next problem? Stores. There are tons of stores for women's clothing, shoes, hats, bags, just about anything. But try to find a variety of fashions for men in any mall or downtown district and you find yourself coming up short.

Even Le Chateau, the last great bastion of men's fashionable clothing, has started weeding out its male clothing in most of its outlets. If you want to find half-decent clothing you have to go to Toronto, and being from there, I know this all too well.

Is all this an excuse for men? No. This is merely a reason to look harder, search farther. I was recently told I have a good fashion sense for a man.

Now I should take that as a compliment, correct? Well I would, if not for the last part of the statement — "for a man."

At what point did I suddenly lose my right to be a well-dressed human being?

Society deems that for me to be fashionable and a male, I either have to be a social obscurity or gay. Somehow this generalization bothers me.

If men take it upon themselves to start dressing better we may be able to change this opinion people have of us.

Some quick fashion tips for men are as follows:

- Avoid wearing a hat every day. Do something with your hair.
- The denim shirt is not an excuse. Wear something else.
- A pullover is something to wear in the freezing cold outdoors, not to a club.
- Lastly, men are not limited to jeans. There are other types of pants to be bought.

So try it out guys. It's not that hard.

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INTERNATIONAL

Niagara College reaching out to China

Students from China given chances to study hospitality at Niagara College

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

Niagara College is off to China.

Niagara has offered students from China the opportunity to study hospitality and tourism, and hotel management, in Canada.

Students from Sanda University in Shanghi, China, can take the third year of their program to study in the second year of the Hospitality and Tourism program at Niagara College. They return to China to finish their fourth year and be eligible to receive the diploma from Niagara.

"The reason for this is that it is hard for them to receive undergraduate education visas," said Jos Nolle, manager of the international department.

Nolle left for China on Jan. 17 to finalize the project with the university and to travel to Nanjing to offer contract training for companies.

Some western-based companies, such as Phillips and Northern Telecom, are setting up in China and want to teach their personnel how western companies are run.

"I'm going to go over and negotiate about a facility and what their expectations for the program are," said Nolle.

David Taylor, director of the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls, visited China in December. Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, visited China in September. The two determined the expectations of the university and were to decide if the college should pursue the program.

Taylor said the centre is interested in international involvement and mixing students from Niagara with international students.

"International involvement is a big part of what we do."

Taylor said the program is open to the Hotel and Restaurant Management and Hospitality and Tourism programs. He said the centre is very aware of international interests, and tries to encourage the curriculum to have "an international flavor."

"The program will give us credit in the international hospitality and tourism field," said Taylor.

First student from Germany happy in Canada

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

Niagara College's first student from Germany has found a warm welcome in Canada.

Mareike Arning, 20, an English as a Second Language (ESL) program student, came to Canada Dec. 28 from her hometown of Haaren.

Arning says learning English is not the sole reason for coming to Canada.

"I also wanted to look for myself and see how it is like to live without my family and friends."

Arning says her friend married Nancy Loetfering-Campisano from Niagara Falls two years ago.

"When my friend visited Canada, he met Nancy. She also went to Germany to see him. That is how they got married, and Nancy and I got to be friends."

MAREIKE ARNING

Arning says she told Loetfering she wanted to go somewhere outside Germany.

Loetfering, a graduate from Niagara College, introduced Arning to her family in Ridgeway.

"That's how I found this college."

She says she appreciates her "fantastic" host family (Loetfering's parents Donna and John), their neighbor Jim and his friend Darry.

"There's no word to explain how thankful I am to them," says Arning smiling.

Arning says she's found Canadians are "more friendly, helpful and openminded," and the world of nature is "terrific" in Canada.

"Before going back to Germany this summer, I want to travel across Canada. I think Canada is the best country to see the nature."

Arning says she likes how the ESL program works.

"Teachers don't push us. They talk with us and do everything for us," she says, adding there is no problem getting along with her "friendly" classmates.

Arning says she's very glad she grew up in her "small" hometown of Haaren.

'Even though I'm very happy to be in Canada, I still miss my family and friends, but I have to change myself while living here.'
—Mareike Arning

"There are only 2,000 people and no crime. I had a great childhood."

In high school she was a vocalist in a band made up of some of her friends. The band performed at bars or were the opening act at concerts.

"It was really fun. I hope we'll continue it in the future."

Arning says she misses speaking German because it's impossible for her to chat in English.

"Even though I'm very happy to be in Canada, I still do miss my family and friends, but I have to change myself while living here."

When she returns to Germany, Arning says she'll enter college or university to study business management. In German businesses, English is considered to be the most important language needed to get a good job.

"I'm not a person who sits in a room and thinks very carefully about the future," says Arning. "I just have to live my life, but, most importantly, I want to be independent, have friends and get a good job in the future."

Feeling Canadian winter...

Tomo Miura, 22, an English as a Second Language program student from Japan, played in the snow with her classmates last week at Niagara College's Welland campus.
Photo by Minako Yamaguchi

Lunar new year coming

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

New Year's Day of the lunar calendar is the holiday most widely celebrated in China and southeast Asia.

According to the lunar calendar, considered to be more important in Asia, the lunar new year starts on Jan. 28. The day symbolizes Asian culture.

New Year's Eve dinner is the most important event of the day. With the whole family present, plenty of meat is prepared and special dishes are served.

It's similar to Christmas Eve in North America.

Fireworks are heard throughout the night to frighten demons and misfortune away.

In China, pictures of the Door Gods are traditionally posted on the front door. Folk art posters with lucky sayings on bright red paper are posted on the wall and windows.

Chinese astrology is unconcerned about the movement of the sun and moon. Instead, it is based on the 60-year cycle of the Chinese lunar calendar.

Five 12-year cycles make a complete calendar cycle of 60 years. The cycle of the years leads to a 12-fold recurrence. Five elemental factors create the 60-year cycle. Chinese astrology classifies people into 12 animal groups according to the year in which they are born.

The animals are the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, ram, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. The year 1998 is the Year of the Tiger.

The origins of the 12 animals are unclear. One legend says Buddha invited all the earth's animals to a gathering before his final departure, and only these 12 animals showed up. As a token of his appreciation, Buddha named a year after each of them in the order the 12 arrived.

The New Year's custom also includes the buying and wearing of new clothes, cleaning houses, paying off debts and having family feasts.

Niagara's enrolment continues to rise

By CARRIE WHITE
Staff Writer

Niagara College has successfully reached the enrolment target for the 1997-98 school year.

Niagara is one of the top five fastest growing colleges in the province.

Al Vaughan, registrar, said not only has Niagara had a steady increase in enrolment in the last five years, but the college has reached the three per cent increase target for the year.

"We've done quite well meeting our enrolment target," he said.

On Jan. 14, Vaughan said enrolment had reached an all-time high at 5,245 students. Of those, 4,696 were returning students, which "is fairly high," Vaughan said.

Last January, on the 10th day of classes, the number of students was only 5,028.

He said late enrolment in January is "quite normal" and there are still "quite a few students deciding" whether or not to stay enrolled.

There is a higher attrition rate in the winter term and, although no one is quite sure why, this seems to be "a problem across the province," Vaughan said, adding that's why there is more effort put into orientation in September as students who start then generally have a lower attrition rate.

Increases in tuition costs haven't stopped students from coming to Niagara College.
Photo by Carrie White

Vaughan speculated on what might be the cause of the steady increase in enrolment. Post-graduate programs have continued to have an increase, but the computer-related courses and the business courses all have waiting lists.

Tourism and hospitality courses also have waiting lists, as does the Law and Security Administration program.

"We're really at full capacity (for those courses)," he said.

Vaughan said it is important for students on waiting lists to apply again before March 1 to ensure they have first chance at getting the course they want.

Enrolment is expected to be about the same next year with the new Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake in September. This will be "a restructuring" so Niagara can have "more capacity" with students from the Horticultural Centre and Wellandvale campus in St. Catharines, which is currently being relocated.

Vaughan said 60 per cent of the students will be at the Welland campus, 30 per cent at Glendale and 10 per cent at the Maid of the Mist campus in Niagara Falls.

"We attract students because of our new campus. This is an exciting time for students and staff."

Arrangements for September's enrolment have begun as the registrar's office started receiving applications on Jan. 1.

Vaughan said although acknowledgments are starting to be sent out, acceptance letters don't get mailed until May 15. He said it is important students know they only have until the 10th day of classes to withdraw with a refund.

Niagara focuses on practical job training

By CARRIE WHITE
Staff Writer

Niagara College has impressive enrolment numbers compared to other Ontario colleges.

The college is one of the five fastest growing colleges in Ontario, despite a steady increase in tuition over the past five years. The college has reached its enrolment target each year.

College registrar Al Vaughan said Niagara's retention rate has improved substantially over the past year as "retention rates are the No. 1 priority both for me personally and for the college as a whole."

Based on statistics compiled three years ago, on average 60 per cent of Niagara's first-year students go on to second year. This is compared to other colleges that averaged 65 per cent that go on to second year. This statistic is based on students who stay in the same program they started in.

At Niagara, 35 per cent of the students are considered mature students although "there's no firm definition of who is a mature student," said Vaughan.

To avoid confusion about who is a mature student, Vaughan said the other 65 per cent of students are 21 and under.

As far as marks go, he said statistics are "very hard" to determine.

"We try to provide programs to all students with a secondary school diploma (or equivalent)," he said, "to add and improve their situation."

As colleges normally focus on providing practical job training there aren't enough statistics on grades to compare and compile.

Vaughan said universities are usually the institutions that provide grade comparisons because they focus on the academic rather than the practical.

"Niagara has done very well in making sure programs are relevant to job markets," he said, adding, "This is reflected in our growth."

Each year, Niagara College publishes a pamphlet showing the graduate placement statistics by program for the previous year.

This year's statistics represent the employment status of graduates of the three terms of the 1995-1996 school year.

Graduates were surveyed six months after graduation. All graduates were surveyed by mail and through a follow-up telephone call.

If the graduates couldn't be contacted, they are reported as "unknown."

The statistics for 1996 are as follows:

There were 1,423 graduates in the 1995-1996 year. There were 344 graduates with full-time positions in a field related to the program from which they graduated. There were 223 graduates with local full-time work in related fields.

College-wide, 79 per cent of the total graduates were employed within six months of graduation. Fifty-three per cent of the total graduates were employed within a related field.

Vaughan said the goals of the college are "to have equal to, or above, the provincial average on placement and retention rates."

New public affairs officer assists victims of ice storm

Sgt. Marty Kalagian replaces Sgt. Mark Carter as the NRP spokesperson

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

Working with the media is a full-time job for Sgt. Marty Kalagian, a former Niagara College student.

Kalagian, 47, is the new public affairs officer for the Niagara Regional Police (NRP).

"Interacting with the media is a two-way street. It is a symbiotic relationship," he said.

'I believe my previous experience gave me a greater awareness of the partnerships that we have to work with.'
— Sgt. Marty Kalagian

He assumed his media duties on Jan. 1. As part of his new duties, he operates a 24-hour news hotline which communicates police and crime-related news throughout the Niagara Region. He makes sure it has been updated every morning. He also co-ordinates the Crime Stoppers program.

Kalagian is involved with the emergency operation to assist victims of the recent ice storm in eastern Ontario and southern Quebec.

"I provide media releases to help inform the communities and various services about what is being done," he said.

The 27-year veteran of the NRP is being exposed to the various aspects of his new job quickly. "My duties are dictated by the issues of the day.

"I've only been in my new office for a week, so I'm still learning the job and getting brought up to speed," he added.

Kalagian was the community policing co-ordinator in St. Catharines for four years before he replaced Sgt. Mark Carter as the NRP spokesperson. The other fields he has worked in include uniform patrol, the forensic unit, the intelligence unit, the training branch and the communications unit.

"I believe my previous experience gave me a greater awareness of the partnerships that we have to work with. My experience also gave me a conceptual outlook on media as a link between police and the community," the public affairs officer said.

Kalagian took some courses at Niagara College before being hired by the NRP. He was in the Law and Security Administration program in the second year it was offered at the college.

"Many of my colleagues were hired directly into the police force from the college," he said.

"It was a really good experience. I'm a real supporter of Niagara College. It is a community-oriented institution."

Marketing students boost Little NHL

Ross Staples, director of the Little NHL tournament, spoke to Nancy Schappert's marketing students on Jan. 14 about their upcoming project to sell advertising promoting the annual event. **Photo by Jenn Walker**

By JENN WALKER
Staff Writer

Little NHL is getting big help from Niagara College marketing students.

Nancy Schappert's sales and salesmanship class will get hands-on experience by going out into the community to sell advertising for the Little NHL hockey tournament souvenir guide.

Ross Staples, Little NHL's registrar, director and treasurer, spoke to the class on Jan. 15 about the tournament.

He showed a 15-minute video of interviews from past tournaments and gave the students an opportunity to ask questions regarding the expectations of and ideas for the project.

"They are really excited about this project," said Schappert.

The students will produce brochures and business cards as well.

Role playing is an integral part of the project. Students will be divided into teams designating sales representatives and sales managers. They will meet personal quotas for lineage sold and make sales calls.

Schappert said the students will be motivated with achievement awards.

"We try to recreate a true sales environment as closely as possible," said Schappert.

Last year's goal was $4,000. About 40 students produced around $8,000.

This year's class is smaller but has decided to "match the same results."

She said if students can match those results, it would be "a significant achievement."

He said Little NHL originated in Georgetown, Ont., in 1936. Welland received the honor in 1974 of being the tournament host.

It is run by 200 volunteers.

A total of 65 teams from across North America gather to play the games in Welland, Port Colborne and Pelham arenas.

Each team pays a $600 registration fee. Each will receive a tournament kit including a duffle bag, pucks and water bottles.

The tournament generates about $48,000 each year, including entry fees.

The money raised is spent on trophies, awards, referees, tournament kits, ice rental and prizes. The awards, mementos and plaques distributed are worth about $17,000.

The tournament is from March 19 to March 22.

Cable 10 will be televising some of the games. Admission is free.

'Profound regret' in apology

By BRADEN TANGUAY
Staff Writer

The wait is over for aboriginal peoples after the federal government apologized for more than a century of mistreatment towards native peoples.

On Jan. 7, in Ottawa, at a Parliament Hill ceremony, Indian Affairs Minister Jane Stewart offered aboriginal peoples Canada's "profound regret" for racist attitudes and policies that have suppressed aboriginal culture.

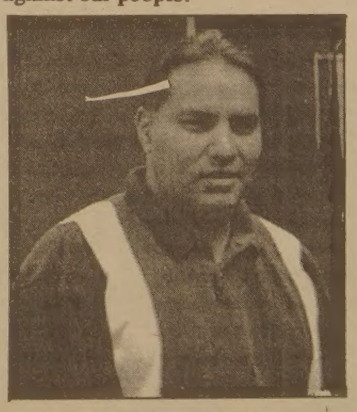
The federal government will spend over $600 million in the next four years above current funding to native peoples.

The apology and compensation offered are the federal government's response to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples Report which outlined 440 recommendations, including a 20-year commitment to at least $1.5 billion a year in new money to improve the lives of natives on and off the reserve.

The Royal Commission was formed in 1991 after the Oka, Que., confrontation which shook Canada's image as a country that protects human rights.

The federal government will also create a healing fund of $350 million to compensate victims for physical and sexual abuses suffered at residential schools. Money for programs preserving native languages and increased funding for aboriginal health issues will also be implemented.

Phil Fontaine, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, praised Stewart for her apology. "It took some courage on the part of the minister and government to take this historic step, to break with the past and to apologize for the historic wrongs and injustices committed against our people."



RUSS BLACKBIRD

However, some native leaders, including those from the Metis and Inuit, accuse Stewart of ignoring the commission's recommendations concerning their groups. The leaders say they feel their groups were left out of discussions and ignored by Ottawa.

There was a striking absence at the Parliament Hill ceremony when Prime Minister Jean Chretien failed to make an appearance.

In 1989, then Prime Minister Brian Mulroney personally made an apology to Japanese-Canadians for abuses suffered in Canadian internment camps during the Second World War.

This raises the question as to why Chretien didn't make the apology or why he didn't attend.

Russ Blackbird, Niagara College's aboriginal cultural promotion and outreach officer, says the prime minister has never dealt well with aboriginal people.

"Chretien was the minister of Indian Affairs in 1969 as part of the Trudeau government. That government put out the white paper which tried to eliminate treaty rights and aboriginal rights. The agenda of Chretien and the government was one of assimilation. Chretien should have been there, but it seems he doesn't deal with them."

Blackbird says despite Chretien's absence, Stewart seems more committed to aboriginal issues. "This particular minister has been more interested in adopting and dealing with aboriginal issues."

The federal government has made the apology and has committed to spending money, but many issues are still up in the air.

"Where does the money the government promised get spent?" Blackbird asks. "Who spends it? The office of Indian Affairs? There are still a lot of questions. The apology can't change what happened, but at least the government is finally accepting responsibility for the wrongs that have been done."

Big Brothers offers big hand

Program pairs volunteers with troubled students

By SARAH TAMMI
Staff Writer

Niagara College is extending a helping hand to the Niagara Region's younger students.

Started in January 1996, the Big Brothers of South Niagara partnered with local school boards and community volunteers and began an In School Mentoring Program.

The program, similar to the organization's traditional match, pairs elementary students and volunteers in a school setting.

The students "are those identified as in need," said Shelly Getchell, mentoring caseworker at Big Brothers of South Niagara. This may include those who are "withdrawn or have trouble getting along with others."

The meetings occur one hour a week at the student's school but, Getchell said, "not after school and not weekends, only during school hours."

The program doesn't run "during the summer (or) holidays," such as March Break.

"They (volunteers) are men and women 18 years and up," Getchell said. However, some exceptions may be made to include younger volunteers.

As of today there are 16 active matches. One of those mentors is from the Social Services program at the college.

Another member of the college staff is in the process of becoming a mentor and three more staff members are considering joining the program.

"We are in need of more volunteers," Getchell said.

The matches are made according to interests and personality, as in the traditional program.

'We are in need of more volunteers,' - Gretchell

Volunteers must fill out an application form and provide three character references.

"They (references) are one family and two friends (known for) two years or longer," Getchell said.

Each applicant will go through a police check and three meetings, which last about an hour.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer in the In School Mentoring Program or in the traditional program can contact Big Brothers of South Niagara at (905) 735-0570.

Bryan Adams in concert for cancer

By PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

Canadian superstar and singer Bryan Adams is coming to St. Catharines on Sunday, Feb. 15. He will perfom a special benefit show to help raise money for the purchase of new breast cancer screening equipment for the city's General Hospital.

Adams was asked to perform at the concert by St. Catharines native Linda Evangelista, his friend and an international supermodel.

The concert originated last year when Margaret Cyr, executive director of the hospital's foundation, contacted Evangelista's mother with the idea she might be able to help in some capacity. Evangelista's brother is an employee at the hospital.

"She said she would talk to Linda on our behalf," Cyr said.

"She and Bryan Adams had just cut a CD, all of the proceeds of which were to go to breast cancer research," Cyr said. "She went to Bryan and said, 'This is my home town. My grandmother died of breast cancer. I'd like to do something for these people to help.'

"Bryan immediately agreed, because of his friendship for Linda, to do a concert."

Margret A. Cyr, of the St. Catharines General Hospital Foundation, made the initial contacts that led to the Bryan Adams special concert.

Photo by Paul Jacksties

The new high-tech equipment is available in only four hospitals in Canada and will serve 43,000 women in the Niagara Region.

The concert will be held at Jack Gatecliff Arena (formerly Garden City Arena). Reserved seat tickets will cost $65.

Tickets will also be sold for a reception at Club Roma in St. Catharines prior to the concert where guests will be able to meet Adams and Evangelista.

Adams will be performing in Toronto on Feb. 13 and in Montreal on Feb. 14 before coming to St. Catharines.

More information is available at 1-416-870-8000.

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Canadian Tire unites in crisis

Canadian Tire will ship supplies while they are demanded

By ANDREW HALL
Staff Writer

Although much of the power has been restored in areas of Quebec and eastern Ontario, the Canadian Tire Corp. is prepared to help those in need.

As the storm was brewing, so were the minds of officials at the head office of Canadian Tire in Toronto. They began planning to ship supplies in response to a storm they "knew was going to be a bad one," said Scott Bonikowski, senior director of public communication.

A day after the ice storm, Canadian Tire already had 15 trucks on the road carrying generators, candles, propane stoves, batteries and other much-needed supplies.

Canadian Tire has always prized itself on being a responsible, all-Canadian company, said Bonikowski. "We have always responded to problems such as this. We hold this responsibility. All stores are now buying products directly from the vendors, which is something that has never happened before," added Bonikowski.

The stores must do this to keep up with the huge demand for these products.

Bonikowski said the trucks will continue to deliver more shipments of these products from their massive distribution centre in Brampton until this disaster is over.

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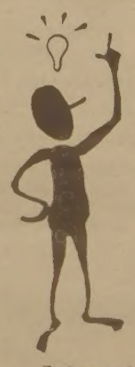
Corrections

In last week's edition of the Niagara News (Volume 28. No. 7), there were a number of errors in the programs of graduates.

They included on pages 14-15: Luisa Paonessa and Kelly Katrynuk, who graduated from the Dental Assisting program and not the Dental Hygiene program; and Eileen Akershoek, a graduate of Business Administration Operations Management not the Environmental Assessment Operations Management.

On page 26, Kelly Katrynuk graduated from the Dental Assisting program and not the Dental Hygiene program.

On page 16, we stated an examination in Niagara College's dental clinic takes three hours, but it often takes more than three hours for treatment, program co-ordinator Carol Overholt says.



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Two reviews, two thumbs up

Gridiron to firestorm

By SARAH TAMMI
Staff Writer

From the gridiron to television to the silver screen, Howie Long is a jack-of-all-trades.

Long was a defensive lineman for 13 years with the Los Angeles Raiders and currently hosts Fox's NFL Sunday with Terry Bradshaw, Ronnie Lott and James Brown.

Firestorm is Long's second attempt at becoming a Hollywood hero and his first time being the star of the show off the field. He was seen in the small role as one of John Travolta's partners in crime in the movie *Broken Arrow*.

If you like a lot of action and don't mind mediocre acting, *Firestorm* is the movie for you.

In it Long plays Jesse, a smokejumper who gets more than he bargains for when he becomes fire chief.

Not only does a blazing inferno break out, so does Shaye, a vicious killer, played by William Forsythe.

Shaye is as brilliant as he is evil. Forsythe even adds a little humor when his character slips into a Canadian accent when he tries to fool his unsuspecting female hostage.

Long's portrayal of an action hero isn't a total stretch. He has real potential, especially if he keeps his old Raiders' slogan in mind: "Commitment to excellence."

Although the story, like any action flick, is somewhat predictable, there are fantastic special effects and impressive stunts.

Comedy all round

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

Kirstie Alley and Tim Allen make an awesome comedy act in the movie *For Richer or Poorer*.

Without Alley and Allen, the plot wouldn't exist. They play a rich couple suffering in a marital dispute.

The couple wants nothing more than to separate. Unfortunately, they find their expensive lifestyle has piqued the interest of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Alley runs one way in the city, and Allen,the other way. Eventually they bump into each other.

Together, the two run from the IRS finding themselves hiding in an Amish community, where they pose as cousins visiting from another Amish community.

Alley and Allen had to have been in physical shape for this movie. Allen had to pull plows and tame horses, but it was all in good fun.

Being in an Amish community wasn't what they thought it would be, for they were not expecting the hard work and lack of sleep.

These roles are a welcome addition to Allen and Alley's sitcom careers.

I can't wait to see what next they will do together.

Comeback

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

A 30-year-old band is making a terrific comeback.

Yes has made a great comeback putting out its new CD, **Open Your Eyes**. Yes has recorded such songs as *Fragile, Close to the Edge* and *90125*.

Open Your Eyes has uplifting lyrics and a great beat. It has memorable melodies and is easy to listen to and very relaxing.

The veterans in the group — Jon Anderson, Chris Squire, Steve Howe and Alan White — gave all they could in this CD. Each song was constructive and highly personal.

Universal Garden and *The Solution* are two songs that reveal the band's more mysterious side, as in these lyrics from the song *Universal Garden:* "Wanting to know where it begins. The puzzle piece we are missing. Beyond the sun, beyond the sky are where the real questions lie. Universal garden above."

If you are into long and brain-teasing songs that make you think, this is a CD for you.

Nuts, bolts TV prize saves residence student shopping trip

By TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

There were nuts. There were bolts. There was no winner.

Niagara College's After Hours pub hosted a Nut and Bolt Night on Jan. 15.

The females got the nuts, the males the bolts. They then searched for the person with the connecting piece to win a new TV.

Of all the nuts and bolts handed out, there was only one pair that could win the prize.

By the end of the night no one connected the two.

With the bolts, ticket stubs were handed out "in case something like this happens," said Glenda Turner, bar supervisor. Everyone was told to hang onto the ticket stub and a number would be drawn at the end of the night if no one turned in the matching nut and bolt.

At 1:30 a.m. Jhim Burwell, a Niagara graduate, drew a ticket number from an empty beer pitcher.

After a few moments of commotion from the crowd, a scream of excitement was heard.

"I won! I won a TV!"

Diane VandenHoven, 19, of Mitchell, Ont., was the winner. She lives in the student residence at the college.

"I was going out tomorrow to buy a TV! This is so cool! I can't believe I won!" said VandenHoven.

She is in her first year of the Recreation and Leisure Services program.

DIANE VANDENHAVEN Photo by Kevin McKee

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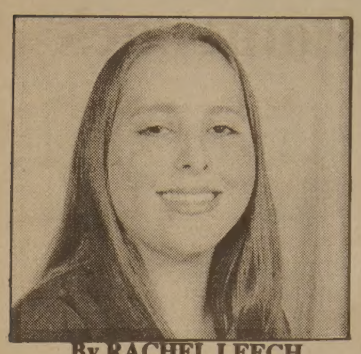

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Aries (March 21 to April 19) — It's time to put the pedal to the metal. Enough with inching into the game slowly. You're ready to dive in head first. Don't worry, you won't drown. Just don't trample those around you in your attempt to succeed.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) — Don't worry if your little outing didn't go as smoothly as planned. Try it again. Remember you haven't seen your friends in a while. It is bound to be a bit awkward. The bumps will slowly smooth out on their own.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) — With a little consideration everything has worked out wonderfully. Don't fret over anything. All the little things will fall into place. There's no need to tell your special someone you love him or her so much. That person already knows it.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) — You may be in for a big and shiny purchase. Bright and gold and round, to be more accurate. If your mind says no, then listen to your heart. Will you love it or, more important, will that special someone love it?

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) — You're once again nice in the eyes of many. To you this is everything. You shouldn't base your life around the opinions of others. However, don't disregard their thoughts altogether.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) — If you've been irritated lately, it's all about to go away. Sure, your life may seem a bit up in the air, but it will soon fall into place. Take it easy and enjoy some relaxation time.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) — Your gut was right. Now learn to trust it and stop worrying about what others think. It's OK to go a wild now and then, but it's more like you to sit back and relax. Enjoy some mellow tunes and lap up the luxury of doing nothing.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) — With love on the rise you may want to now direct some of your attention to work. Don't worry, it won't all fall apart. A special someone is more understanding than you think. Now is the time for you to let that person prove his or her devotion.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) — You may be feeling sluggish but you look great. Put on your best and strut your stuff. If you have been getting flack from those around you, don't fret. It really has nothing to do with your performance. It's more than likely an attitude problem on their part.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) — Your energy is still on high. Take the experience in stride. You can handle it. There's nothing wrong with being on power drive. Just don't outshine those around you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) — You may be saying it's time to party but your body certainly isn't. You tire quickly. The old you is old, no offense intended. A second wind will hit you by the weekend and you will be off once again.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20) — You may have gotten a bad review from your doctor. That's okay, it's not all that bad. You'll be surprised how much attention you will receive thanks to your new problem. The skies ahead look much brighter, so just keep pushing forward.

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Guarding the president...

The Niagara Knight, left, (who remains anonymous) guards Niagara College President Dan Patterson following a Niagara victory 94-62 over Sault College. The Niagara Knight made his debut on Jan. 16 during the men's basketball game.

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Start your summer job hunt

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

It's almost time to face reality.

April's end of classes is not that far off and many students will be looking for employment.

Janet Forfar, a co-operative education and career services officer, suggests students start looking now for post-education employment. Job listings are posted outside Niagara College's Career Services department in Simcoe 101 on the Welland campus.

Both full-time and part-time jobs are advertised, along with co-op placements. Forfar said the largest graduating group leaves in the summer. Last April, 1,333 students graduated.

Forfar added co-op students are "starting to get ready (for placement)" and said, "the co-op people are trying to develop as many jobs as they can."

The federal government is also looking for student employees. Students interested in working for the national government can apply through the Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP).

This is a computerized national inventory administered by the Public Service Commission of Canada. Jobs offered through FSWEP are available all year. Some student jobs are offered mainly during the summer.

Forfar said, "The federal summer applications are (available) and students (who are interested) should apply right away." She explained that "when a federal department wants to hire, they go into the inventory."

Forfar urges students to start looking for summer jobs.

"Summer jobs are really coming in so the students should start checking the boards."

Don't get caught puffing away

You'll breathe easy in all of Niagara's public places

By IAN ANDERSON
Staff Writer

On Jan. 19, the Niagara Region introduced a new Smoke Free Public Place bylaw. This new bylaw will affect many places where families go, especially children.

All indoor sports and recreational facilities, common areas of apartment and office buildings, shopping malls, taxi cabs, public transit vehicles and funeral homes will be 100 per cent smoke free.

Partial restrictions will be implemented in restaurants with more than 30 seats. They must be 50 per cent smoke free. Bingo halls must be 20 per cent smoke free, and bowling centres must be 50 per cent smoke free. If there is youth bowling, the halls must be 100 per cent smoke free.

This bylaw was passed Nov. 6, 1997. The Niagara Region will enforce the bylaw through educational efforts and signage.

Anyone who is caught smoking in one of the public places and is found guilty of an offence could be fined $5,000. Any owner of a building which falls under one of the above categories could be charged with an offence and fined $5,000.

Regional Council will review this bylaw annually.

Now that all buildings at Niagara College's three campuses are smoke free, the Welland campus has introduced three new non-smoking entrances/exits.

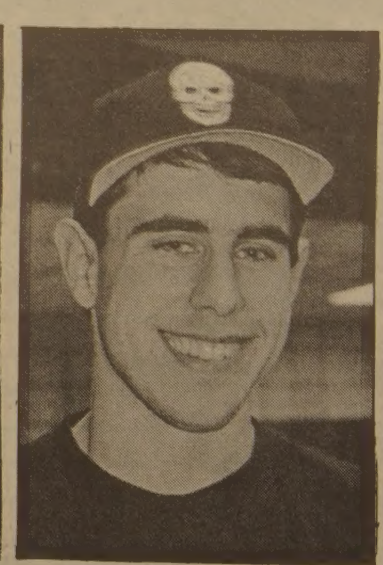
These are doors where students and faculty are not permitted to smoke. These new areas include the back entrance/exit in the Simcoe building, the handicap entrance/exit by the health services office in the Lundy wing, and the entrance to Manera Court by the admissions office.

Word on Campus: How can the school improve long waits at Registrar's and Financial Aid?

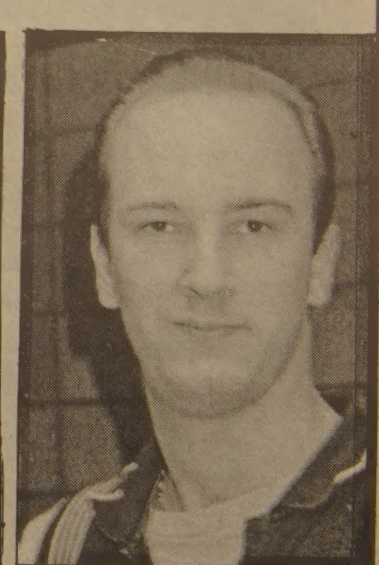
Katy Coopman, 19, of St. Catharines, a first-year Office Administration-Executive program student, said, "Mail the OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) to the people's houses instead of standing in long lines, only to have to stand in a second one to get the actual slips."

Lucy Konick, 21, of St. Catharines, a second-year Human Relations program student, said "I think they should open lines at 8 a.m. Don't have time slips, so that the person could go when they have time, rather than at the time of the slips that we are given now."

Brandi Gilbert, 20, of Port Colborne, a first-year Child and Youth Worker program student, said, "Have more people working at a time."



Chris LaPlante, 21, of Port Colborne, a second-year Business-Administration-Marketing program student, said, "Have separate days for each year — first, second, and third — like they did in high school registration."



Lambert Kok, 19, of Niagara Falls, a second-year Business Administration-Accounting program student, said, "They could have it like the universities do. Call over the phone to register for courses. They could also have a list posted with all of the people receiving assistance on it along with the time that they can pick their forms up."

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1998 Niagara Knights

Niagara's Allan Ivey, left, looks to make the pass while Dave McLaughlin of the Sault Cougars attempts the block during a Knights' 94-62 victory at home on Jan. 16.

Photo by Mark Riehl

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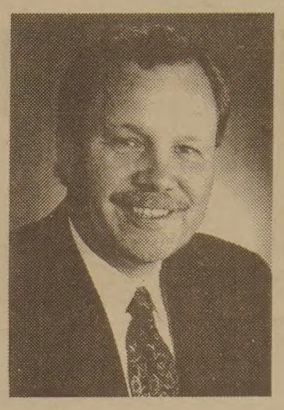

A resounding cheer for our athletes and staff

I'd like to extend my congratulations to all of our Niagara College athletes as well as to all staff who develop and deliver such excellent programs and services.

Although academic achievement is obviously important at college, studies have shown that students who are involved in other aspects of college life experience increased student success.

You are making an important contribution to the college life of others who enjoy cheering you on at competitions, as well as benefiting yourself through personal achievement, developing your team work skills and making the commitment to the physical exercise required.

We have had many athletic champions over the years who deserve to be specially recognized and the banners in our gym are an impressive testament to past accomplishments.

I would like to salute everyone who is involved in our athletics programs. Keep up the great work.

Dan Patterson

Dan Patterson, President

Dan Patterson, Niagara College president, cheers the men's basketball team on to victory on Jan. 16.
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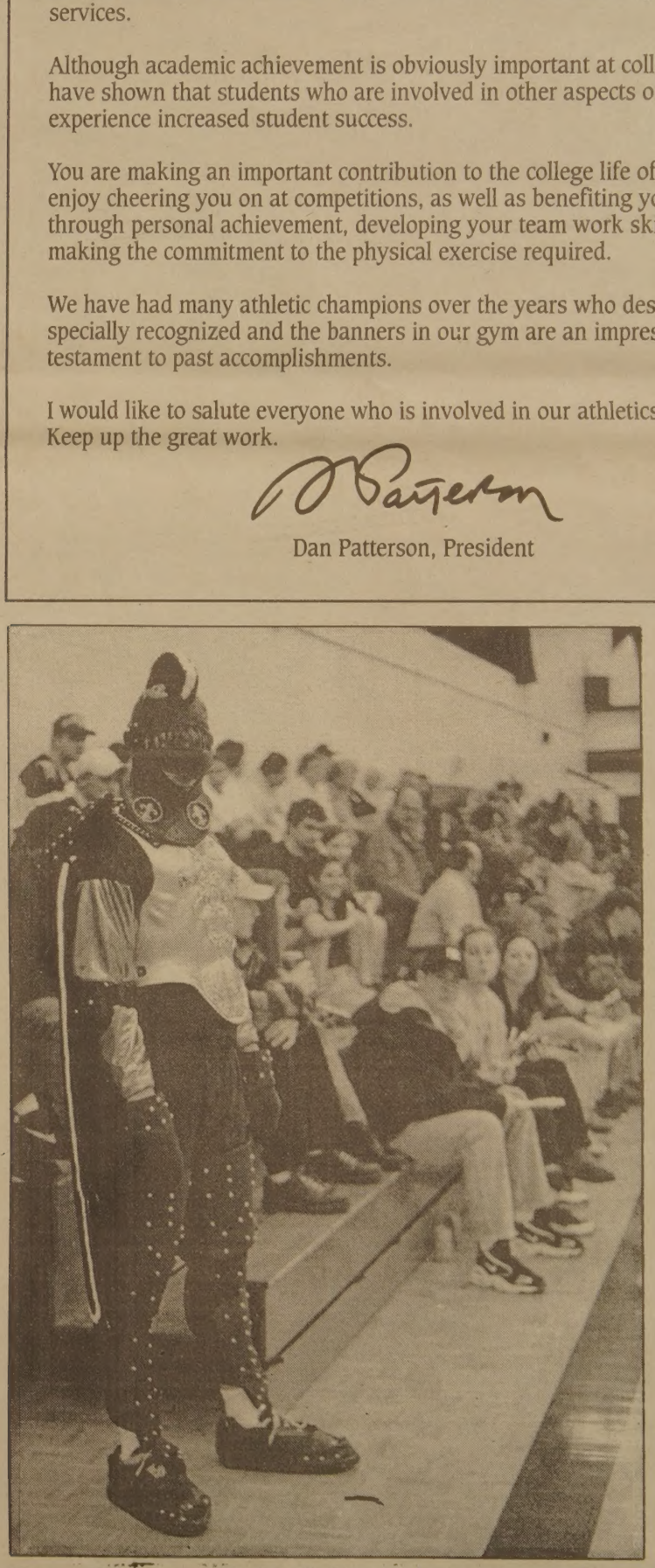

Niagara Knight makes his debut in front of a large, noisy crowd at the men's basketball game on Jan.16.
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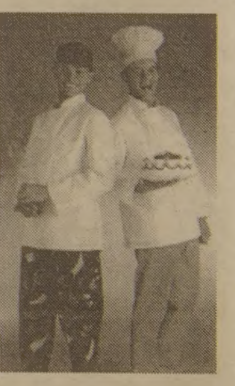

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Cougars crushed

O'Connor electrifies home crowd

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Sault Ste. Marie's Sault College Cougars came to town trying to ruin the Knights' unbeaten streak, but a great game from Niagara College's Marcus O'Connor propelled the Knights to a 94-62 victory on Jan 16. O'Connor was replacing the injured Anthony Heyes.

The Cougars quickly scored the first two points in the men's basketball game but that would be the first and only time they'd have the lead. Niagara dominated with an 11-point run near the half's end, taking the score to 36-16.

O'Connor electrified the home crowd when he received a feed from Mike George, drove the lane for the monster jam and sent the Knights into half-time with the momentum and a 42-24 lead.

George had 15 first-half points while Steve Boyle had 10 and O'Connor added eight.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson was on hand to watch his first game this season. "The score speaks for itself. This is a very exciting team, with great coaching. The Knights are a very disciplined and impressive team to watch. It's great to see such a good turnout and support from the students."

The Knights never slowed down, pouncing into the second half with a 25-4 run. Niagara nailed down the win when they led by a 46 score part way through the half.

"I gave each guy on the bench about 10 to 15 minutes of work because one of our three guards (Kenny Ranalli, Allan Ivey and Kyle Handrahan) has to step it up," said head coach Jeff MacDonald.

MacDonald emphasized the importance of players "producing off the bench" for the team to be successful.

The Cougars had two small runs near the end of the game but couldn't make up the deficit. Niagara won 94-62.

"Marcus had a great game, with 20 points, stepping in for Tony (Anthony Heyes) and that is a sign of a good team," said MacDonald.

The injured Heyes broke his foot during a tournament at George Brown College in Toronto on Jan. 10. "I went up for a shot and came down hard on it," said Heyes. He will be out for about four weeks. As the ninth leading scorer in the West Region, he says he's confident he'll return in time for the playoffs.

One of this match's key factors was the full-court pressure the Knights put on the Cougars in the game's second half.

"We played like we'd never seen a press before," said Sault head coach Terry Littlefield. "They're (Niagara's) a much different looking team compared to last time and they're a very aggressive team and an overall good looking team."

"This was a good overall win and everyone got to play and that just means practice is starting to pay off," said Niagara forward Mike Conradi.

"We worked very hard and I'm very happy with the team and the win. I think we are prepared for our next game which will be a big game," said Knights' guard Mike George.

The Knights will be sending George and Mike Harris to represent Niagara College at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association all-star game at Durham College on Jan. 24 at 8 p.m.

Niagara will take on the unbeaten (3-0) St. Clair Saints, of Windsor, tonight at 8 p.m.

Sky's the limit

Niagara's Trinity Smith awaits the outcome of her shot as Christine Anstey looks on.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Women Knights start the new year off right

Knights hammer Georgian Grizzlies

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

A new year. A new assistant coach. A winning record.

The Niagara Knights women's basketball team has two wins and a loss in 1998 after its blow-out of Barrie's Georgian College Grizzlies here on Jan. 16.

Niagara didn't take long to control this game after taking off on a 14-2 run. Fourteen first-half points from Trinity Smith and 10 from Kristin Davies gave Niagara a 32-12 first-half advantage.

The Knights roared in the second half, opening with 10 consecutive points to send the Grizzlies home to hibernate with a final score of 73-27.

Davies and Smith led Niagara with 23 points each; Kristin Flindall added 16 while Caryn Thompson netted eight.

"They're a good, well-rounded team and they had four players that dominated this game," said Georgian assistant coach Adam Estabroks.

This is the first year back in the league for Georgian College, which boasts the West Region's worst record with no wins and 10 losses.

"We're getting excited after winning a couple of games, but we're not getting overconfident. We are beginning to work a lot harder. With a few more wins we now have a goal to make the playoffs," said Niagara's Davies. She stands third in the West Region in scoring.

Niagara defeated Georgian on Jan. 10 for its first win of the season and the first at home.

"It was a good win and we showed the college we can play and win. I hope this win will help us get into the playoffs," said Niagara's guard Smith.

The Knights added a new assistant coach over the holidays who began duties in the new year.

"I came here to help the team and to bring a better game to Niagara College," said Vince Rocca, 30, of Niagara Falls. "They are a great bunch of girls who work hard and have great attitudes and, even though this is a rebuilding season, I am very optimistic that we will make the playoffs."

"It's different having a guy on our team, but he has helped a lot in practice," said Davies.

"He's been great, and it's nice to have another person help me with practice and on the bench," said head-coach Tara Petrachenko.

She said since its return after the Christmas break, the team has "played phenomenal." Now the team has won two games in 1998, after beginning the season winless in the West Region.

"During the first half of the season we played the tougher teams, but now we're playing lower-ranked teams. We're looking forward to getting some wins," said Petrachenko.

The team will be sending three players to the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association all-star game at Durham College in Oshawa at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 24. Guard Davies, guard Andrea Flindall and forward Kristin Flindall will represent Niagara at the game.

Niagara's next league play will be at London's Fanshawe College on Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.

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West wins

Niagara's all-star injured during practise

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

With injured all-star starter Kerby Bentley of Niagara looking on, the spectacular play from his replacement, Knights setter Cameron Jacobs, elevated the West Region all-stars to finally beat the East.

Niagara was host to the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) men's volleyball all-star game on Jan. 16. The game was a match-up of Ontario's best players from the West and East regions. The East Region has won the last four all-star games.

The West did come out on top, but every match was close with scores of 13-15, 17-15, 14-16, 15-10 and 15-11.

Kerby Bentley, Paul Clark and Corey McKeown were the original all-stars to represent Niagara College but early that morning Bentley was injured during a practice.

The West Region all stars had a team practice at 10:30 a.m. and with about 10 minutes left Bentley dove for a ball, injuring his knee.

"It definitely sucks. There is nothing more I wanted than to represent the college," said Bentley. "I was having fun and now I am in disbelief."

"He is just lucky he lives in 1998. The (medical) technology is better," said Knights' trainer Jeff MacDonald.

MacDonald said Bentley should be all right in a couple of days but they won't know until he visits a specialist.

"It's kind of stupid to get injured before an all-star game that doesn't mean anything. It's just a showcase. Kerby loves to go all out all the time and he works hard. It's just unfortunate," said Paul Clark, Niagara's all-star starting middle.

"It was real unfortunate to lose a great player like Kerby, but Cameron did a great job at setter and that just shows Niagara's depth," said Humber's Tim Pennefather.

"It's too bad Bentley was hurt. He's a great player. The West was able to make up for their loss, and Cameron was a great replacement at setter," said Fred Batley, Sir Sanford Fleming and East All-star coach.

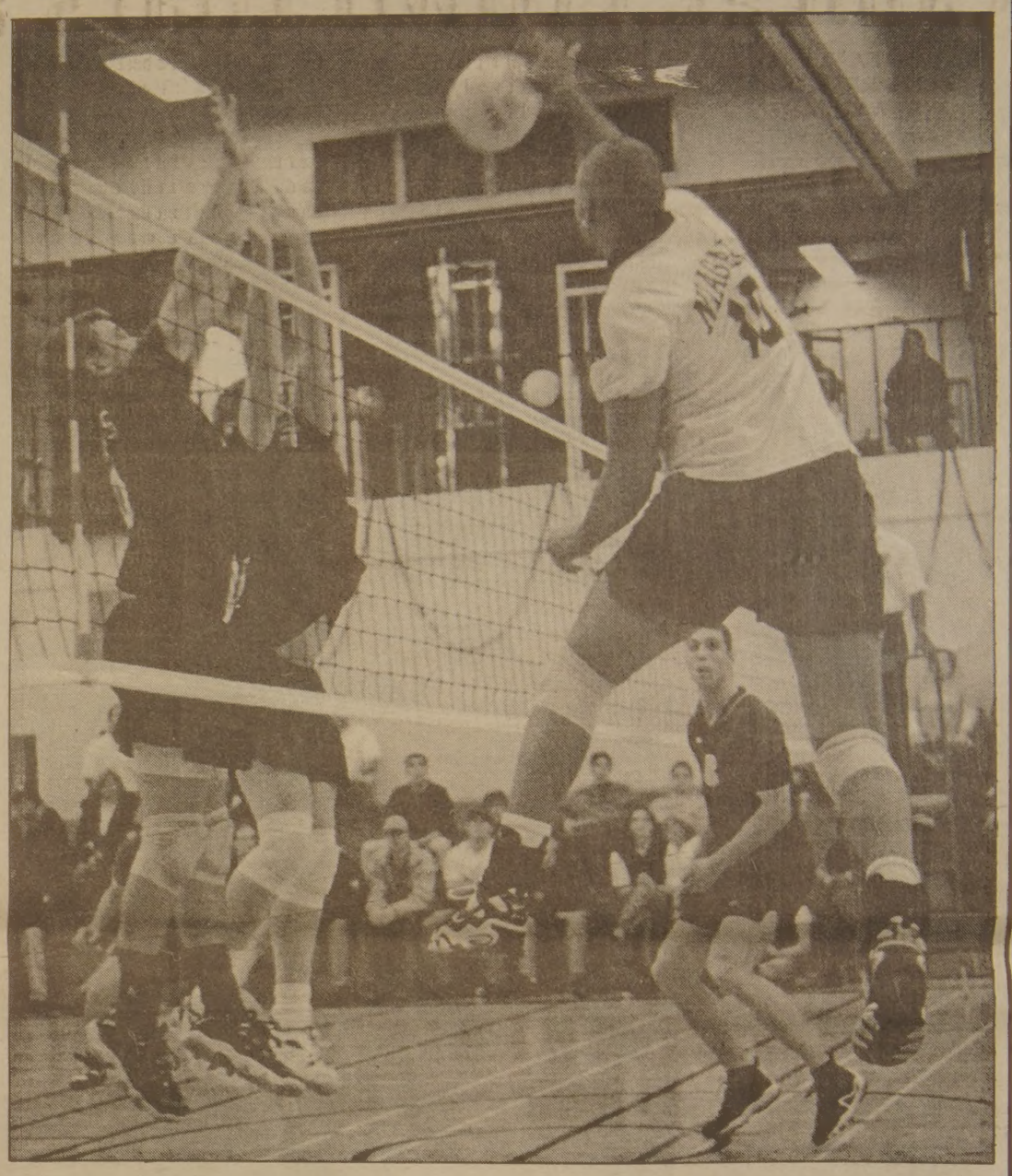
"We lost our starting middle (Bentley) but it could have happened to anyone. It's better to happen now in a game that doesn't mean as much, instead of later in the provincials," said McKeown.

"It was nice to see Cameron play, but he should have been there originally. He proved himself as one of the best setters in the league and he shocked a lot of people with his play," he added.

The Dream Team was picked after the game for both the men's and women's teams. The team is chosen by the coaches and is made up of the top six players of the game. The men's Dream Team included three Humber players.

"It came down to nobody wanting to pick an alternate as a Dream Team member. I thought I was going to get the it (Dream Team selection) but it came down to politics," said Niagara's Cameron Jacobs.

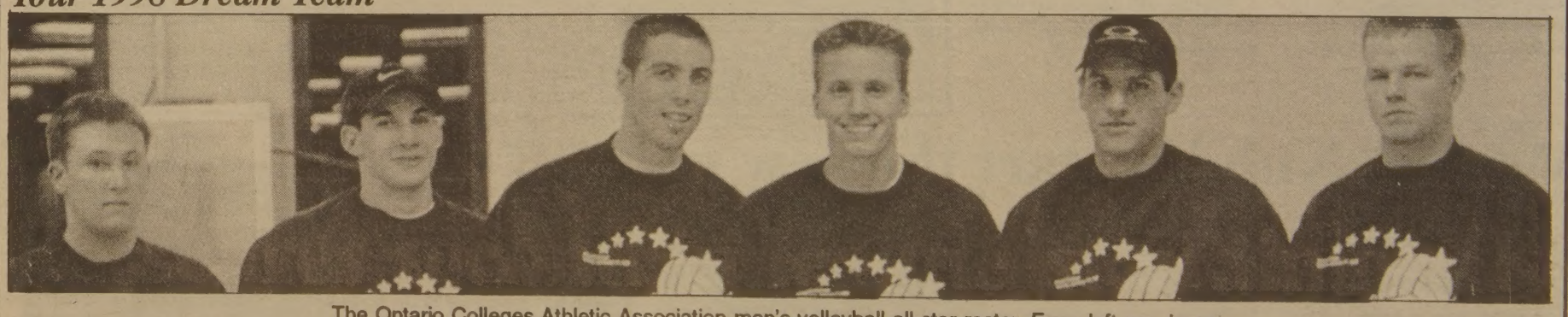
All-star game a hit



Niagara's Corey McKeown goes for a kill in the all-star match on Jan. 17 that was hosted by Niagara College.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Your 1998 Dream Team



The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association men's volleyball all-star roster. From left are Jason McArther of Nipissing, Matt Timm, Matt Cunliffe and Tim Pennefather, of Humber, Todd Boys, of Loyalist, and Marcus Kivilahti, of Cambrian

The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association women's volleyball all-star roster. From left are Kristine Verbeek of Sheridan, Caroline Fletcher and Christine Rudies, of Humber, Jessica Dell, of Seneca, Jodi Zelenski, of Royal Military College, and Joanne VanDyke, of Durham.

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College crowd roars at all-stars

By ANDREA FLINDALL
and KERRI WOOD
Staff Writers

Who says men's sports action is more exciting than women's?

The women's all-star volleyball matches on Saturday, Jan. 1, seemed to generate more excitement than the men's that followed. From the crowd's roars, it was evident the women were ready to play.

Niagara's senior convener and host Ray Sarkis said, "The women's game was more exciting because the guys seemed to be more nervous."

The league, split into East and West teams, was evenly matched.

The West, which consisted of Sarnia's Lambton, Hamilton's Mohawk, Welland's Niagara, Ancaster's Reedemer, Sault Ste. Marie's Sault, Oakville's Sheridan, Sudbury's Boreal and Cambrian, Thunder Bay's Confederation and Etobicoke's Humber won three of five matches by the scores 15-12, 13-15, 15-8, 15-4 and 6-15.

Dave Hood, Humber's head coach for league play and all-stars co-coach, said, "The girls adapted quickly. The girls were very attentive. They were the best of the best."

Hood was chosen as coach because of his league record.

"It was a great game and the teams were evenly matched," he said. "If these individuals had a chance to play together all the time, they would make an awesome volleyball team."

Other West coaches included Kelvin Lee of Mohawk and Harry Blyleven of Redeemer.

The East teams included Ottawa's Algonquin, North Bay's Canadore, Oshawa's Durham, Belleville's Loyalist, Kingston's Royal Military College, Kingston's St. Lawrence, Lindsay's Sir Sandford Fleming, Scarborough's Centennial, Barrie's Georgian and North York's Seneca.

Coach Avery Brevett, 25, who replaced Frank and Rozika Sulatychki, of Seneca, said, "The girls came out pretty strong with key blocks from Jessica Dell. Laila Jabboury, of Algonquin, also did a phenomenal job."

Carolyn Schatz, of Niagara, also pitched in to help coach the East as Georgian coach Brad Graham arrived late for the morning practice.

Niagara's Kim Clifford played an outstanding defensive game and offensively had six kills.

"The girls were great and we had a lot of fun," Clifford said. "The games were very competitive — we wanted to rip them."

East MVP Jessica Dell, of Seneca, had one kill and two serve aces.

West MVP Caroline Fletcher of Humber had four kills and four serve aces.

Overall, the game was an excellent display of women's athletic talent.

All-stars good for profile

By KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

For some spectators at last weekend's all-star tournament, this year's games were the first they attended.

Spectators travelled to Niagara College to watch their sons, daughters and teammates compete.

Some even travelled from as far as Thunder Bay and Ottawa to cheer for their team.

Joyce and Pat D'Amico, of Hamilton, came to Niagara on Jan. 17 to attend their first all-star games. Their daughter Michelle was competing in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association women's volleyball all-star touranment.

Ursula and John Fletcher came to support their daughter Caroline, who was playing for Toronto's Humber College.

John Fletcher said Niagara did a "very excellent" job at hosting the tournament. "There's a lot of talent out there," he said.

"I thought that it would be better," said Mary Jung, 18, a high school student from Lindsay, Ont.

Jung came with her sisters Tanya from Toronto's Seneca College and Kathy from Hamilton's Mohawk College to cheer on teammates from both schools.

Among those in the crowd was Niagara College President Dan Patterson. Patterson and his wife Saundra attended the games in support of the college's athletes.

Patterson said a new year's resolution he made was to attend more of the athletic events at the college.

He said it was "really exciting to have the all-star games here."

"It is good for the profile of the college to have all of the different colleges represented here."

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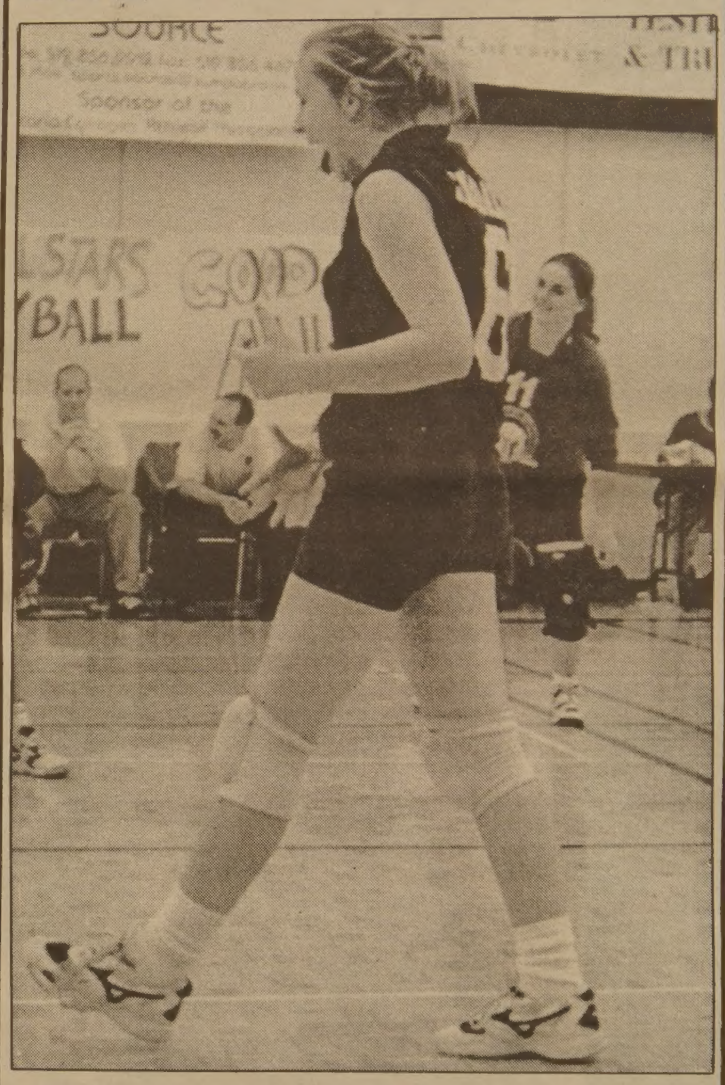


Kim Clifford, 21, of St. Catharines, an Interactive Multimedia post-graduate program student, sticks her tongue out during the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association's women's vollebyall matches at Niagara College's Welland campus gymnasium on Jan. 17.

Photo by Kerri Wood

Co-ordinator wants women's sports to be more dominant

By ANDREA FLINDALL
Staff Writer

There's no slowing down for a woman who's always on the run.

Carolyn Schatz, intramural co-ordinator and teacher at Niagara College, has accomplished more in her 30 years than most do in a lifetime.

Schatz, originally from Montreal, moved to Fonthill in 1980 to attend E.L. Crossley Secondary. After secondary school, she attended Brock University in St. Catharines and received a degree in bachelor of science.

Following her university years, she moved to Toronto for four years and did some modelling work.

She then returned to Brock after realizing she was interested in recreation and leisure. Commuting back and forth, she also worked as an aquatic instructor for the City of North York.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in recreation and leisure, she worked part time at the YMCA of Welland and part time at Niagara College in the ERSN and Continuing Education departments for two years.

For the last three years, Schatz has worked in the athletics department. The department "works as a team rather than having specific job duties," she said.

Schatz is in her third season as the women's varsity volleyball coach. She was interested in "a sport she always loved."

She herself participated in intramurals throughout university and played for the varsity team, but decided to concentrate more on her academics seeing she was in sciences, a difficult program.

"I knew the theories and technical aspects of the sport, so it seemed appropriate that I got involved."

She said she "loves seeing the growth and development in players" and feels scholarships are a nice benefit to players "who make good grades."

Schatz's goals are for "women's sports to be more dominant in the future."

She has seen progress in her team over the past three seasons after some recruiting. "We have a more competitive core to the program. So far this year, we are two and three and hope to end at eight and 12."

Schatz's other interests include anything outdoor, such as kayaking, hiking, running and camping.

She often competes in five-kilometre road races or cycles through marathons her husband participants in.

She and her husband opened an adventure-based learning camp three years ago in St. Catharines. The camp mainly hosts students, but does have adults.

In the next five years, the couple plan to open the camp year round and "be their own boss." They said they hope to make the camp more successful as outdoor sites.

Schatz lives in St. Catharines.

With the opening of the new campus in April, she is uncertain of where the athletic department will send her in the future.

Volleyball all-star matches generated good revenue for Niagara College

By ANDREA FLINDALL
Staff Writer

The fifth annual all-star volleyball matches proved to be a day-long event.

The women's teams practiced at 9 a.m. followed by a luncheon.

The men's teams practiced at 10:45 a.m. followed by their luncheon.

The games started at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. followed by an 8 p.m. pizza party and awards ceremony in the cafeteria.

This was the first time Niagara College has hosted the all-star matches.

Ray Sarkis, senior convener and host, said, "It went great. All the athletes enjoyed themselves."

"In future, committees might be made to smooth out some glitches to make the day more prompt. Future hosts might want to speed up the games," he said. "Because the teams were so evenly matched, the games were very close and took extra time."

Sarkis also suggested a hitting contest using a radar device "to spark some excitement for the crowd." He, unfortunately, didn't have the time to arrange the event.

The crowd, estimated at 300 to 500 people throughout the day, generated good revenue on admissions.

Niagara College students, who work in the gym for Sarkis, were available for scorekeeping, sales and maintenance.

"I couldn't have done it without them," Sarkis said. "I commend the workers on an outstanding job. They did what they had to do without being asked, which made my job a lot easier."

Sports Source, from Milton, Ont., provided 16 sweatshirts for the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Dream Team and the individual MVP in the East and the West for the men's and women's games.

Modrobes, the men's volleyball sponsor, was selling merchandise. They were not "overwhelmed" but made some sales.

Sarkis said he would "like to thank Dan Patterson, (Niagara) college president, for taking time from his busy schedule to attend both Friday's games and the all-star event on Saturday."

"It added to the importance of the whole event," he said.

NIAGARA ALLSTARS 1998

Kim Clifford, 21, of St. Catharines, eyes the ball to be certain that it is going out of bounds.

Photo by Kerri Wood

Paul Clark, 22, of Niagara Falls, practices his bump during all-star warm-ups.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Kim Clifford, 21, of St. Catharines, prepares to serve during the all-star game.

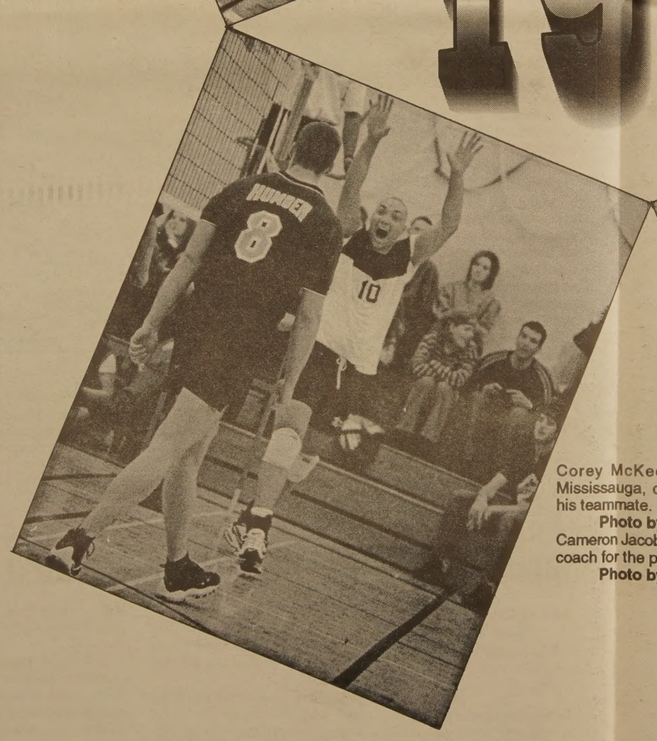
Photo by Mark Riehl

Corey McKeown, 20, of Mississauga, volleys the ball over the net to the East Region team at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association men's volleyball matches on Jan. 17.

Photo by Kerri Wood

Cameron Jacobs serves the ball in second match play of the all-star game.

Photo by Andrea Flindall

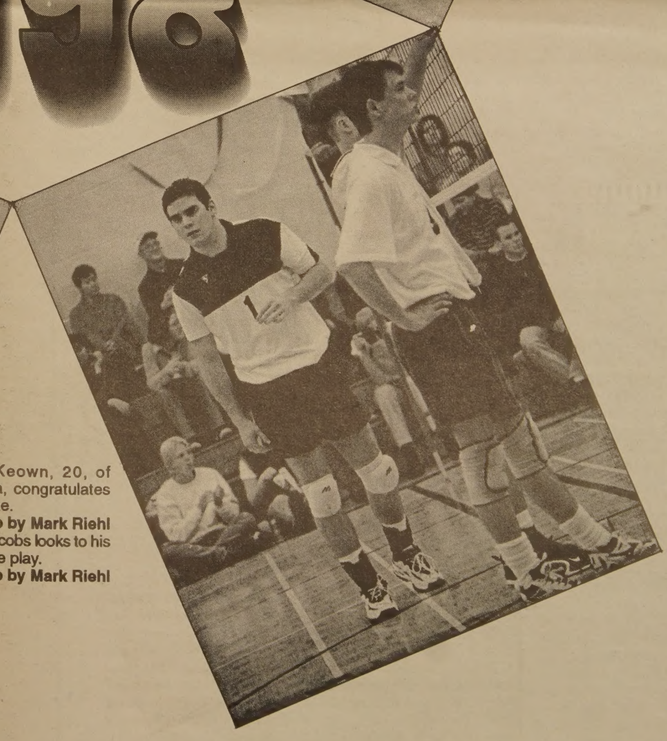


Corey McKeown, 20, of Mississauga, congratulates his teammate.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Cameron Jacobs looks to his coach for the play.

Photo by Mark Riehl



Ray Sarkis, Niagara College's assistant athletic director, takes time-out from his hosting duties to watch the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association volleyball matches on Jan. 17.

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Two men representing college in Oshawa

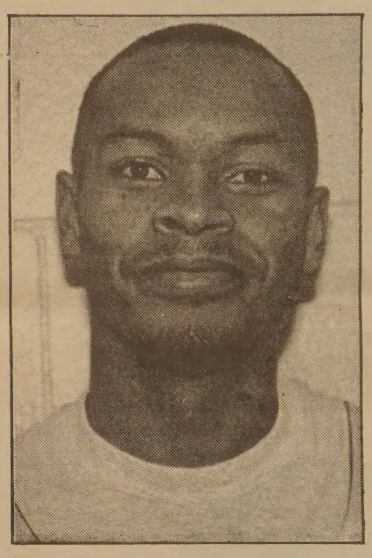
Team leader

George's interests are basketball, church and gospel

By ANDREA FLINDALL
Staff Writer

After watching the aggressive and competitive Mike George on the basketball court, you might be surprised he has a turn-the-other-cheek side to him.

The 20-year-old first-year Law and Security Administration program student from Rexdale, Ont., came to Niagara "for a chance to get away without being too far from home."



MIKE GEORGE

George was recruited after a four-year career at Morningstar High School in Toronto by last year's head coach Randy Conlon. This also helped persuade him to come to Niagara.

George's brother Wayne also made the trip to Niagara and has returned to the team after not playing for two months for personal reasons.

George has an extensive basketball background, playing ball for seven years. He travelled to OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association) in his third year of high school and his team finished fourth. He also represented the Peel Region on an all-star team for three years.

Winning many awards during his athletic career, George is not new to stardom. This weekend he will be representing Niagara in the all-star game at Oshawa's Durham College.

"It will be exciting to play with people we are usually out to beat," he said. "It will be a good experience to play against such talented players."

George said he likes basketball because he feels "it is a chance to interact with and get to know others. It also helps break down racial and ethnic barriers and meet people that if it were different circumstances, I would not meet."

George lives in Welland, but often returns home to Rexdale on weekends to visit family and friends and to attend church.

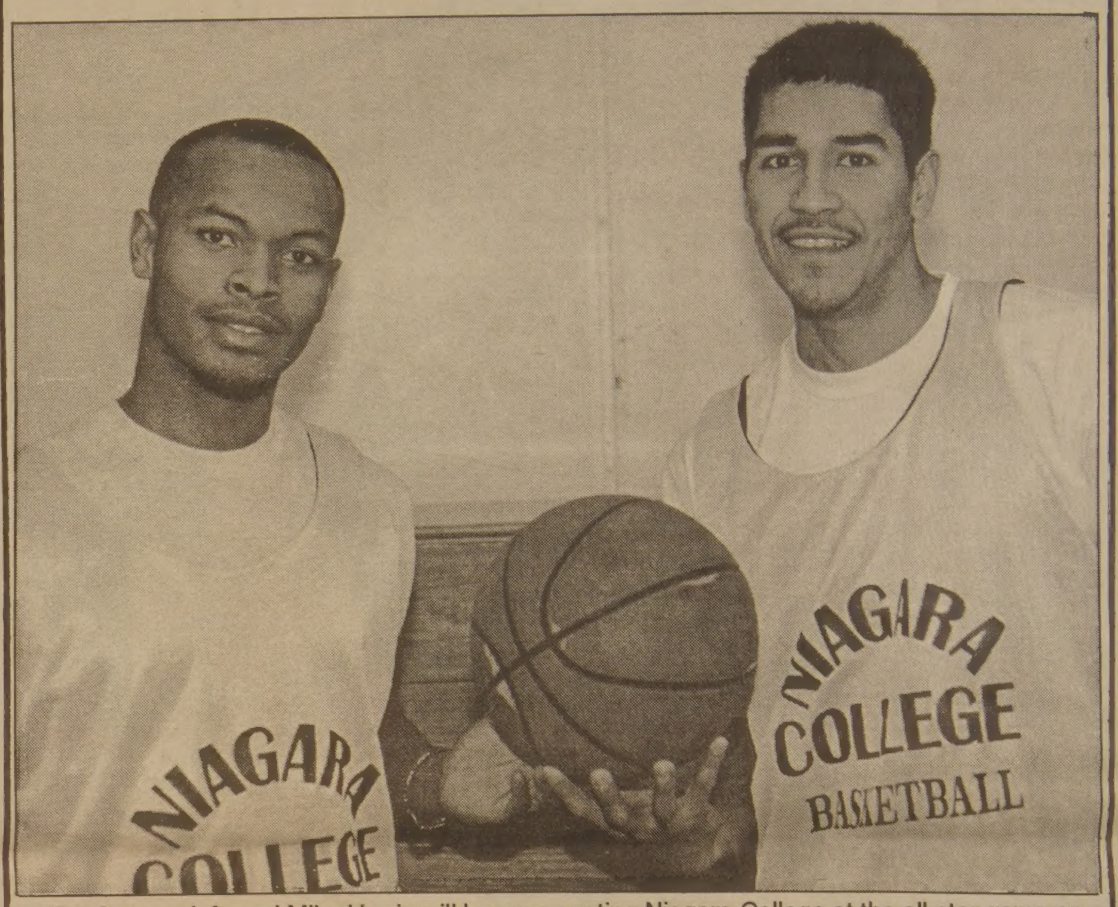
"My main interests are basketball, church and gospel."

George said he lives his life by the words of Psalm 37:4, his favorite verse. 'Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.'

"Our goal this year as a team is to make the OCAA (Ontario Colleges Athletic Association) finals in Alberta," he said.

"If we work hard together as a team we'll make it," he said. "I know we can do it. We just gotta have the heart."

The best of men's basketball



Mike George, left, and Mike Harris will be representing Niagara College at the all-star game on Jan. 24 at Oshawa's Durham College.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Harris second-time all-star

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Quiet in demeanor, roaring on the court.

Mike Harris plays guard on the Niagara Knights men's basketball team and is the team's co-captain.

Twenty-two-year-old Harris, of Niagara Falls, Ont., graduated from Westlane Secondary School. He started playing basketball in Grade 5.

When he attended public school he was a short and stocky boy, but that didn't stop his love for playing basketball. His parents suggested he should concentrate on his studies because they didn't believe he had the right body type to play basketball.

"After Grade 9, I grew five to six inches and it took awhile for my basketball skills to catch up with my growth."

Harris began playing basketball in Grade 9 and 10 at Lakeport Secondary School in Niagara Falls, but he chose to attend another high school before Grade 11.

"I love basketball so much and my coaches (at Lakeport) didn't give me the opportunity to play," said Harris who left Lakeport to attend Westlane Secondary School.

Harris said the athletic staff at Westlane were "really nice" supporting him a lot. He believed them to be "his second family."

From there his basketball career took off with personal accomplishments such as athlete of the year and the senior most valuable player title in 1994.

"I'm happy with what I accomplished in high school, but I wish I could have dedicated myself more and that I had a coach like Jeff MacDonald (Niagara's head coach)."

He said MacDonald helps bring out his full potential as well as the team's, and from working hard in practice, everyone is reaping the benefits.

Harris came to Niagara two years ago and immediately tried out for the men's basketball team.

"I was kind of nervous trying out and I thought I might have a chance and I just managed to make the team (Knights)."

Unlike many other players who play for the Knights, Harris hasn't received any scholarships to play.

"It's not easy to just put the ball in the hole," said Harris, who believes basketball isn't as easy as people think. "It takes much more than that, such as conditioning and being in good shape."

Harris works out three days a week in the weight room. The main reason he does is his love for a physical workout during a game.

Harris averaged 22.4 points per game last season. He was named an all-star at Kinston's St. Lawrence and North York's George Brown College tournaments. Last year, he finished second in the Ontario Colleges Athetic Association standings to teammate Mike Hurley in three-point scoring with 32.

He is coming off an all-star season heading to his second consecutive all-star game with Mike George representing Niagara at Oshawa's Durham College.

"I have obtained personal goals but they don't mean as much as a team goal such as winning a championship."

1998 Basketball All-Stars

MEN'S OCAA EAST ALL-STARS
Paul Hungler RMC
Clint Knott Cambrian
Drew Richard Seneca
Duane Elder Centennial
Bill Crowdis Durham
Christian Currie Durham
Tom Cookson Fleming
Tim Mathieson Loyalist
Marc Madramootoo George Brown
Chris Paronuzzi St. Lawrence
Abraham Osman Algonquin
Kingsley Robinson Centennial
Coaches: Barry Smith (St. Lawrence)
Craig Norman (RMC)

MEN'S OCAA WEST ALL-STARS
Shane Bascoe Sheridan
Paul Wilson Georgian
Mike Harris Niagara
Mike George Niagara
Andrew Zomerman Redeemer
Thomas Cory Sault
Al St.Louis Humber
Andrew Cammaert Fanshawe
Dan Wellington Lambton
Jimmy Parsons St.Clair
Jason Newton Mohawk
Goran Franjesevic Mohawk
Coaches: Frank Lostrocco (Mohawk)
Terry Littlefield (Sault)

WOMEN'S OCAA EAST ALL-STARS
Tricia Warwick George Brown
Lydia Abankwah George Brown
Tanya Sadler Humber
Aman Hasebenebi Humber
Sharon Jones Seneca
Liesa Ratz Seneca
Naomi Mullings Durham
Jen Hevey Durham
Melissa McCutcheon Humber
Anita Robinson Seneca
Marsha Bowes Durham
Nicole McLean Humber
Coach: Sharon Butler (George Brown)

WOMEN'S OCAA WEST ALL-STARS
Crystal Greig Fanshawe
Michelle Hall Fanshawe
Tara McFarlane Georgian
Sarah McAleer Georgian
Andrea Flindall Niagara
Kristin Flindall Niagara
Kristin Davies Niagara
Diane Sampogna Mohawk
Sabrina Mascarin Mohawk
Melinda Thomas Fanshawe
Jenn Renaud Fanshawe
Nancy Ganovsky Mohawk
Coach: Tara Petrachenko (Niagara)

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Three women representing Niagara

Second time around

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

A losing record. Six players on the team. The only thing holding it together is one voice — full of confidence, leadership and heart for the game.

Andrea Flindall, of St. Catharines, is the captain of the Niagara Knights women's basketball team.

ANDREA FLINDALL

Twenty-year-old Flindall is a graduate of St. Catharines' Lakeport Secondary where she played five seasons of basketball. She was named athlete of the year in her graduating school year and was named most valuable player for her team in Grades 9, 10 and 12.

She started dribbling a basketball in Grade 6, having been influenced by her family to join a sport she loves playing.

"My whole family loves sports and we are all athletic, competitive, supportive and motivated to excel in a sport we enjoy," said Flindall.

"My parents have supported us and have put a lot of time into us."

Flindall came to Niagara College last year and walked directly in the shadow of her brother Derek Flindall, who played three seasons for the Knights men's basketball team.

Flindall said she came to Niagara College because it was "close to home," but she entertained thoughts of attending another college where she wouldn't have had to prove herself because of her brother.

"When I came here a lot of people knew me because of my brother and a lot of things were already set for me," said Flindall, a second-year Journalism-Print program student.

In Flindall's second season with the Knights, her younger sister, Kristin, has walked in Andrea's shadow and joined the team.

"We play well together and we have never played together before. We are totally opposite players. She picks up on my weaknesses while I pick up on hers and we help each other to keep our heads in the game."

Flindall's leadership shines as she leads her team on and off the court with her positive comments. It's "Let's go!" and a high five to any teammate making a good shot or defensive play.

She'll soon be heading to her second straight all-star game representing Niagara College at Oshawa's Durham College.

"It's exciting and an honor to represent the college and to play with the best players in the league."

Flindall looks beyond personal achievements. Despite playing for a team with a losing record, her leadership and voice will take her team through the good times and the bad.

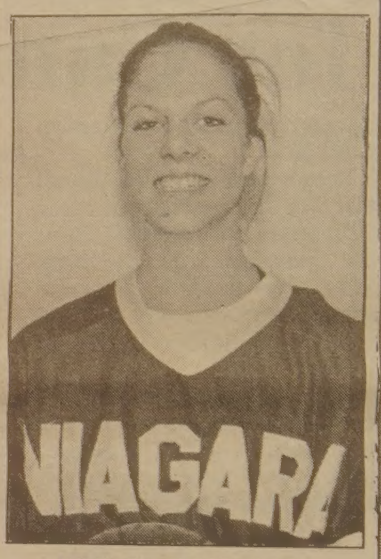
Rookie forward aims high

By KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

Kristin Flindall is one of three chosen to represent Niagara College this Saturday at Oshawa's Durham College for the annual women's basketball all-star tournament.

Early last week, the three women representing Niagara College at the all-star event were announced. Among the others attending are Kristin's sister Andrea and Kristin Davies.

Flindall, 18, of St. Catharines, is a first-year Early Childhood Education program student.



KRISTIN FLINDALL

She has been playing basketball for several years on elementary school teams, and has been playing competitively since Grade 9.

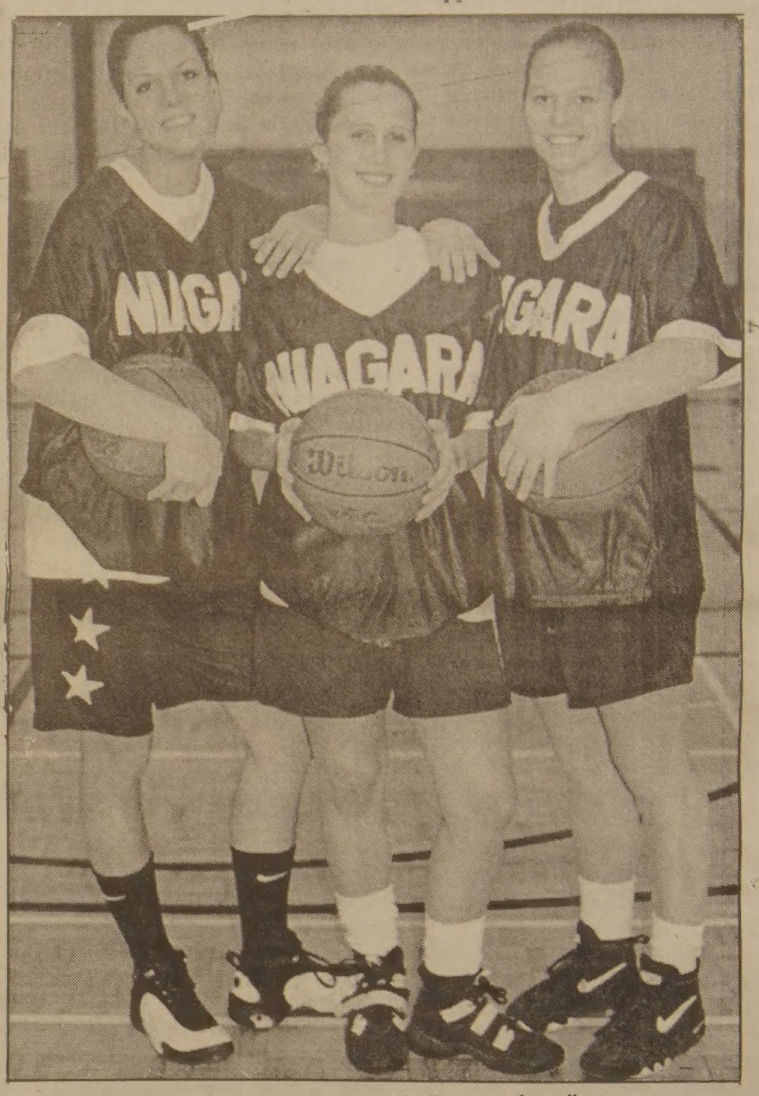
Flindall played regional ball on a select team from St. Catharines while attending Lake Port Secondary School. The purpose of the select team was to represent the Niagara Region.

She played on high school and regional teams at the same time, starting regional ball when the high school basketball season ended.

She played on that team for three years before joining the women's basketball team at the college in September.

She said she is nervous about playing at the all stars. "I feel a little inexperienced."

Flindall said she is excited about playing. She said having her sister Andrea on the team makes it easier, "especially that my sister is there to support me."



The women representing Niagara College at the all-star game on Saturday, Jan. 24 are from left: Kristin Flindall, Kristin Davies and Andrea Flindall.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Knight scores second in league standings

By ANDREA FLINDALL
Staff Writer

Just by meeting Kristin Davies you know that she is an enthusiastic, confident and motivated individual.

The leading scorer for the Niagara Knights and second-highest scorer of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association is looking forward to representing the college.

Davies, 19, of Niagara Falls, lives with her parents because of "proximity to the school and for cost efficiency."

After eight years of experience, Davies is quick to state that she likes basketball. "The competition is great. I like meeting new people besides the people in my program."

That is what she adds to the team: a little energy, a little heart and a little spirit. Kristin Flindall, 19, of the Early Childhood Education program and teammate for the season and all-star game said, "Davies is always hustling and keeping us going even when we are down by 50 points. We need encouragement and she is quick to help."

"It's a challenge to play on a team that is beaten by a lot in many games," Davies said, "but we all come together and say that we will win the games that count and have a good time even if we lose."

KRISTIN DAVIES

Davies is in the first year of the two-year Social Worker program. "I like using my positivity to help those who need a boost in life," she said. "I try to do the same as a team player."

The shooting guard from Niagara Falls' St. Paul High School will be representing Niagara College in the all-star game on Saturday, Jan. 24.

"I am very excited to play. I will play the best that I can, hope to play well with the other girls and possibly improve on some skills."

In season play, Davies hopes to "make the play-offs and keep improving as the team has done from the start of the year."

When her program ends, Davies said she hopes to find full-time employment in her field. If she is unable to, she plans to attend Niagara University in Lewiston, N.Y., to gain a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.

Caryn Thompson, 20, of the Business Administration program, and teammate of Davies, said, "Kristin builds confidence in me. She always gives me pointers and is a lot of fun."

Team manager Jessica Aloian, 20, of the General Arts program, said, "She is fun to watch and always seems to be having a good time."

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Canada poised to win gold in Nagano

By BRADEN TANGUAY
Staff Writer

The stage has been set for the most exciting hockey tournament the world has ever seen.

In 15 days, the Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan, begin. The prestigious tournament will have the best players competing from around the globe.

For the first time ever the NHL season will be put on hold, allowing players to compete for their respective countries.

The Olympic Games has always been associated with the best athletes in the world fighting for gold. Until now, the Olympic hockey tournament saw semi-pro and former professional hockey players representing their countries. Finally the National Hockey League (NHL) has allowed its players to play in this 17-day tournament.

Canada is the favorite to take home the gold, despite the fact that the United States won the last major tournament that showcased NHL players.

Last summer, the World Cup Hockey Tournament saw the U.S. squad upset Canada in the finals, winning the three-game series two games to one.

This time it's going to be different!

During the World Cup, the Canadians were without such superstars as Paul Kariya, Ray Bourque, Al MacInnis and Patrick Roy. A stellar performance by U.S. goaltender Mike Richter robbed Canada of victory.

In Japan this winter the country that calls hockey its own will be looking for revenge and will settle for nothing less than gold.

Countries to look out for include the U.S., Sweden and Russia. The U.S. is a powerful club with the talent to put the puck in the net.

Sweden's team is a group of finesse players who have many NHL representatives, including the dazzling Peter Forsberg. Russia also has to be a favorite even though Detroit's Sergi Federov and Vancouver's Alexander Mogilny may not play.

The dark horses of the tournament are Finland and the Czech Republic. Finland features such stars as the leading NHL goal-scorer Teemu Selanne, Montreal's young talent Saku Koivu and veteran great Jari Kurri. The Czech Republic also has a strong club with Jaromir Jagr, Zigmund Palffy and the dominator, Dominik Hasek, leading the way.

With all the great teams and players going to Nagano, prepare yourself for an outstanding hockey tournament that could rival the 1972 Summit Series.

Canada will be facing an epic struggle against countries that have caught up to us in talent, but lack the Canadian heart, and it is our heart that will bring victory.

The closing ceremonies will put Canada back on top of the hockey world, and Wayne Gretzky and the boys will return home with gold around their necks.

Helsinki was hell for Canadian juniors

By BRADEN TANGUAY
Staff Writer

The holiday season wasn't so festive for Canadian hockey fans in Helsinki, Finland this year.

Christmas day marked the beginning of the World Junior Hockey Championships, with Canada striving for their sixth straight gold metal.

The tournament got off to a shaky start for the Canadian youths, dropping the first game to the host team Finland, 3-2.

Canada never seemed to get going after that, and after a 2-1 overtime loss in their best effort against Russia in the quarter-finals, Canada was knocked out of metal contention.

With nothing but pride left to play for, Canada followed the Russian game with an embarrassing 3-0 loss to the US, and then, in a pathetic effort, Canada was throttled by Kazakhstan 6-3, putting the final humiliating nail in the Canadian coffin.

So what happened to the country that has dominated this tournament in the 90's?

Hockey analysts will site the fact that Canada was without many NHL players who were eligible for the tournament. San Jose Shark forward Patrick Marleau, Edmonton sniper Boyd Devereaux, and first overall draft pick Joe Thorton, of Boston.

These players would have certainly helped our juniors, but there is no excuse for finishing eighth place in a 10 team tournament in which Canada were the favorites.

Much of the blame has to fall on the shoulders of head coach Real Paiement.

Paiement said that going into the tournament much of the focus would be on discipline, but as CBC hockey analyst Don Cherry said, "You don't teach a group of 17 and 18 year olds discipline in two weeks."

Team captain Jesse Wallin, who missed the final three games with a broken foot, said, "I don't think the guy's made the proper sacrifices . . . checked their egos at the door. I think we're going to get it hard . . . and I think we deserve it."

Canada simply didn't have the coach or the players to get the job done. That Canadian pride that usually pushes our teams to victory simply wasn't there.

Despite this tournament and its disappointment for Canadian hockey fans, the Winter Olympics in Nagano get going in a month, and our boys from the great white north are poised to win the gold, exacting a little revenge along the way.

North Americans supreme at NHL All-Star Game

By BRADEN TANGUAY
Staff Writer

This year's National Hockey League (NHL) All-Star Game broke with tradition and featured an international-style battle, which pitted the World team against North America.

The game showcased the NHL's brightest stars competing for world supremacy. A first ever all-star game that displayed the best players from Europe tackling the dominance of those from North America.

The World team blasted out of the gates, scoring three goals in four minutes, setting the stage for a blow-out, but North America answered the call, tying the score at three by the end of the first period.

After exchanging a pair of goals in the second, North America took over the contest. In the third, a familiar play from years past stirred the memories of fans. Gretzky slipped a beautiful pass to former Edmonton teammate Mark Messier who fired a game-winning backhand over Nikolai Khabibulin, giving North America an 8-5 lead.

The World team managed to score twice more, cutting the lead to one, but were stopped short of sending the game to a first-ever overtime shoot out.

The sellout crowd of 18,422 were treated to great displays of skating, passing and scoring as the NHL stars sparkled, mesmerizing fans with their skill.

World team forward Teemu Selanne, of Finland, recorded the 10th hat-trick in all-star history and was named the most valuable player of the game.

Elway gunning for first Super Bowl ring

By DAVE CONROY
Staff Writer

John Elway deserves a Super Bowl ring perhaps more than anyone else in the National Football League (NFL). Sunday night might be his last and best chance.

The Denver Broncos face the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII and the hype surrounding the game is at its usual high.

The American Football Conference (AFC) hasn't won the Super Bowl since 1984 when the Raiders took it all. Since then, it's been 14 years of National Football Conference (NFC) dominance, but this year the AFC is about due.

This year's edition of the Denver Broncos does not fit the mould of the typical one-sided, Elway dependant AFC Champion teams of the 1980s. This edition of the Broncos has a strong defence and a powerful running game. Because of this, pressure is taken off Elway and he can play his game.

Elway didn't have that luxury in his three past Super Bowl appearances:

Pasedena — Jan. 25, 1987 — A totally offensive Denver team faces a tough New York Giants franchise that proved Elway couldn't do it alone. The Giants won 39-20.

San Diego — Jan. 31, 1988 — Elway returns to the show and jumps ahead 10-0 over the Washington Redskins. But the Denver defence collapsed and Washington scored on five straight possesions for a post-season NFL record 35 points in the second quarter. The Redskins won 42-10, proving once more that Elway can't do it himself.

New Orleans — Jan. 28, 1990 — San Francisco routes Denver 55-10. Clearly a Denver team with several holes in it.

Make no mistake, it will take the best the Denver Broncos can give for Elway to walk away with his first Super Bowl.

The defending Super Bowl champion Packers still have what it takes to win. They have the most well-rounded team in the NFL. Packer quarterback Brett Farve has been unstoppable. The Broncos must put pressure on him early to set a positive game tone.

It's simple really. If the Broncos can run the ball against the Packers and play solid defence — Elway, the most deserving player in this year's Super Bowl, may finally get what he deserves.

No place for racism in NHL

Simon's slur angers players

By DAVE CONROY
Staff Writer

There is absolutely no excuse for racism.

There is absolutely no excuse for racism in sports.

Chris Simon, one of the National Hockey League's (NHL) tough guys, found this out the hard way.

In a Nov. 8 regular season game, Simon, an American Indian with the Washington Capitals, shouted racial slurs at Mike Grier, a black Edmonton Oiler player.

NHL executives suspended Simon for three games at a Nov. 11 league hearing.

After watching highlights of the ordeal, I was impressed with the way the players handled it. Almost every Oiler stood up for Grier. On the other hand, I would have to say I was not impressed with the way the NHL handled it.

Giving Simon a three-game suspension is like taking a piggy back away from a millionnaire.

"It's ridiculous. Mike is a class guy and I'm embarrassed for him," said Oiler centre Doug Weight in an interview with the Associated Press.

If it were up to the players, Simon would be lacing them up in another league.

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Staff Writer

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Ontario College Athletics Association West Region Standings

Men's Basketball

Team	GP	W	L	PTS
Mohawk	5	5	0	10
Niagara	4	4	0	8
St. Clair	3	3	0	6
Sault	9	3	6	6
Fanshawe	7	2	5	4
Lambton	4	0	4	2
Redeemer	5	1	4	2

Women's Basketball

Team	GP	W	L	PTS
Humber	7	7	0	14
Seneca	6	6	0	12
Fanshawe	8	6	2	12
Mohawk	6	3	3	6
George Brown	3	1	2	4
Durham	7	2	5	4
Niagara	7	2	5	4
Georgian	10	0	10	0

Men's Volleyball

Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
Humber	7	6	1	19	8	12
Niagara	7	6	1	20	7	12
Cambrian	9	5	4	19	16	10
Seneca	6	4	2	13	12	8
Mohawk	5	2	3	11	9	4
Georgian	7	1	6	5	19	2
Redeemer	7	0	7	5	21	0

Women's Volleyball

Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
Sheridan	8	7	1	23	5	14
Redeemer	6	5	1	16	9	10
St. Clair	5	3	2	11	9	6
Lambton	8	3	5	11	18	6
Niagara	4	2	2	8	6	4
Sault	6	1	5	6	16	2
Mohawk	4	0	4	3	12	0

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Canadian College Athletics Association National Rankings

Men's Volleyball

Team	PROV	Last Wk
1. Mount Royal Cougars	Alta.	1
2. Limoilou Titans	Que.	2
3. Red Deer Kings	Alta.	4
4. Montmorency Nomades	Que.	5
5. Loyalist Lancers	Ont.	3
6. Cariboo Sun Demons	B.C.	6
7. NAIT Ooks	Alta.	11
8. Jonquiere Gaillards	Que.	7
9. Douglas Royals	B.C.	9
10. Grande Prairie Wolves	Alta.	NR
11. Algonquin Thunder	Ont.	10
12. Grant MacEwan Griffins	Alta.	8
13. Niagara Knights	**Ont.**	**12**
14. Trinity Western Spartans	B.C.	13
15. NSAC Rams	A.C.	14

A.C.-Atlantic Canada, NR-Not Rated

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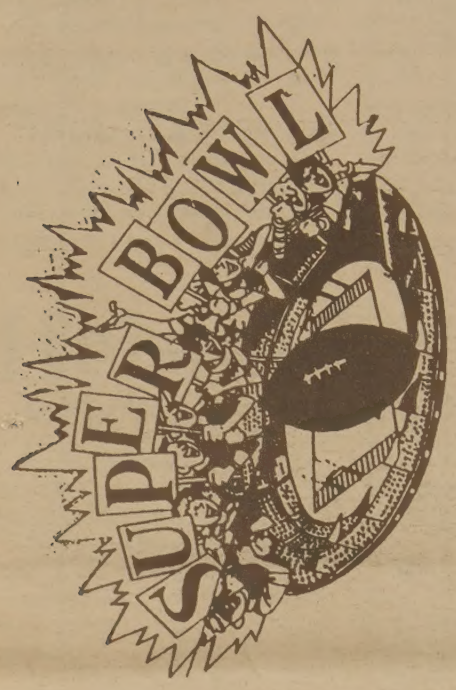
SUPER BOWL XXXII

Green Bay Packers Denver Broncos



Green Bay Packers
Head Coach: Mike Holmgren

No.	Player	P	Ht	Wt	Exp
4	Brett Favre	QB	6-2	225	7
8	Ryan Longwell	K	6-0	185	R
13	Steve Bono	QB	6-1	212	13
17	Craig Hentrich	P	6-3	208	4
18	Doug Pederson	QB	6-3	216	5
24	Aaron Hayden	RB	6-0	216	3
25	Darsey Levens	RB	5-11	230	4
26	Mark Collins	CB	5-10	190	12
28	Roderick Mullen	CB	5-11	204	3
30	WHenderson	FB	6-1	249	3
32	Travis Jervey	RB	6-0	222	3
33	Doug Evans	CB	6-0	190	5
36	LeRoy Butler	S	6-0	200	8
37	Tyrone Williams	CB	5-11	186	2
38	BMcElmurry	DB	6-0	188	R
39	Mike Prior	S	6-0	208	12
41	Eugene Robinson	S	6-0	197	13
42	Darren Sharper	CB	6-2	205	R
44	Chris Darkins	RB	6-0	210	2
51	Brian Williams	LB	6-1	240	3
52	Frank Winters	C	6-3	308	11
53	George Koonce	LB	6-1	243	6
54	Seth Joyner	LB	6-2	245	12
55	Bernardo Harris	LB	6-2	247	3
56	LHollinquest	LB	6-3	250	4
60	Rob Davis	G	6-3	271	2
62	Marco Rivera	G	6-1	295	2
63	ATimmerman	G	6-1	295	3
64	Bruce Wilkerson	T	6-5	310	11
67	Jeff Dellenbach	C	6-3	300	12
70	Joe Andruzzi	G	6-3	313	R
71	Santana Dotson	DT	6-5	285	6
72	Earl Dotson	OT	6-4	315	5
73	Aaron Taylor	G	6-4	305	4
77	John Michels	T	6-7	304	2
78	Ross Verba	G	6-4	299	R
80	Derrick Mayes	WR	6-0	205	2
81	Tyrone Davis	TE	6-4	255	2
82	Don Beebe	WR	5-11	185	9
83	Jeff Thomason	TE	6-5	250	5
84	Bill Schroeder	WR	6-2	198	2
85	Terry Mickens	WR	6-0	201	4
86	AFreeman	WR	6-1	194	3
87	Robert Brooks	WR	6-0	180	7
89	Mark Chmura	TE	6-5	253	6
xx	Darius Holland	DT	6-5	320	3
92	Reggie White	DE	6-5	304	13
93	Gilbert Brown	NT	6-2	365	5
94	Bob Kuberski	NT	6-4	295	3
95	Keith McKenzie	LB	6-3	255	2
97	Paul Frase	DE	6-5	267	9
98	Gabe Wilkins	DE	6-4	295	4
99	Jermaine Smith	DT	6-3	289	R

Denver Broncos
Head Coach: Mike Shanahan

No.	Player	P	Ht	Wt	Exp
1	Jason Elam	K	5-11	192	5
6	Bubby Brister	QB	6-3	207	11
7	John Elway	QB	6-3	215	15
8	Jeff Lewis	QB	6-2	217	2
16	Tom Rouen	P	6-3	215	4
21	Randy Hilliard	CB	5-11	185	8
22	Vaughn Hebron	RB	5-8	195	5
23	Darrien Gordon	CB	5-11	182	5
25	Darrius Johnson	CB	5-9	175	2
26	Tim McKyer	CB	6-0	178	12
27	Steve Atwater	S	6-3	217	9
29	Howard Griffith	FB	6-0	240	5
30	Terrell Davis	RB	5-11	200	3
31	Derek Loville	RB	5-10	205	7
32	Tony Veland	S	6-0	205	1
33	Dedrick Dodge	S	6-2	184	6
34	Tyrone Braxton	S	5-11	185	11
37	Anthony Lynn	RB	6-3	230	4
39	Ray Crockett	CB	5-10	185	9
42	Detron Smith	FB	5-9	231	2
50	Jon Hesse	LB	6-3	258	R
51	John Mobley	LB	6-1	230	2
53	BRamanowski	LB	6-4	241	10
56	Keith Burns	LB	6-2	245	4
57	Allen Aldridge	LB	6-1	245	4
58	Steve Russ	LB	6-4	237	1
59	Glenn Cadrez	LB	6-3	245	6
62	Dan Neil	G	6-2	291	R
63	DDiaz-Infante	LB	6-3	255	3
65	GZimmerman	T	6-6	294	12
66	Tom Nalen	C	6-3	280	4
69	Mark Schlereth	G	6-3	278	9
70	Jamie Brown	T	6-8	320	3
72	Ernest Jones	DT	6-2	255	3
74	Harry Swayne	T	6-5	295	11
75	Brian Habib	G	6-7	299	10
77	Tony Jones	T	6-5	295	10
80	Rod Smith	WR	6-0	190	3
81	Patrick Jeffers	WR	6-3	217	2
84	Shannon Sharpe	TE	6-2	230	8
85	Willie Green	WR	6-4	188	8
86	BChamberlain	TE	6-1	240	3
87	Ed McCaffrey	WR	6-5	215	7
88	SM Wilson	WR	6-2	213	1
89	DCarswell	TE	6-3	261	4
90	Neil Smith	DE	6-4	273	10
91	Alfred Williams	DE	6-6	265	7
93	Trevor Pryce	DT	6-5	286	R
94	Keith Traylor	DT	6-2	315	6
96	HHasselbach	DE	6-6	280	4
97	Mike Ladish	DT	6-3	280	8
98	Maa Tanuvasa	DT	6-2	277	3
99	David Richie	DT	6-2	270	R

AT A GLANCE

The Line:
Packers by 12

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TV: NBC, Global
RADIO: The Fan 590
FORECAST: Fair, 21C

Super Bowl trivia at www.nfl.com

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The Super Bowl game is almost here, and for that reason, this article will be specifically on NFL.com.

This site is excellent for all National Football League (NFL) fans. For the real junkies, there is Super Bowl trivia. Test your skill at this intense trivia game. The site contains interesting facts about San Diego. These tidbits will probably only be up for a couple of weeks after the Super Bowl itself, so check them out now.

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